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Financier gets community service

Row as Levitt is freed after fraud trial

BY JON ASHWORTH AND EDWARD GORMAN

THE failed financial adviser Roger Levitt walked from court with a token sentence yesterday, after having admitted lying to City regulators about the state of his investment group, which collapsed with debts of £34 million.

The decision sparked outrage in legal circles and prompted calls for a critical enquiry into the treatment of white-collar fraud.

Levitt, 44, was sentenced at Southwark Crown Court to 180 hours' community service and disqualified from serving as a director for seven years, after the demise of The Levitt Group, which collapsed three years ago. He immediately declared his intention to issue writs for defamation against Michael Winner, the film director, and *The Sun* and *The Mail on Sunday* newspapers over "scurrilous" reports.

His co-defendant, Mark Reed, 40, was disqualified as a director for four years and ordered to perform 120 hours' community service. Both men unexpectedly changed their plea to admit one charge of misleading Fimbra, the watchdog for financial advisers, but denied two charges of fraudulent trading. A third defendant, Alan McNamara, 29, pleaded guilty to a substitute charge of recklessly furnishing false and misleading information to Fimbra. He will be sentenced next week.

The leniency of Levitt's sentence sparked widespread criticism. Adam Sampson, deputy director of the Prison Reform Trust, said lenient sentences on white-collar criminals would do nothing to enhance respect for justice in the population at large.

He compared the sentence on Levitt with the now routine custodial sentences given to people caught defrauding the DSS, despite the fact that those offences involve infinitly smaller amounts of money. The white-collar criminal appeared to be getting off "suspiciously leniently". He said: "As a society we need to know that the courts are prepared to treat cases equally. There is no justice when people in poverty are punished much more harshly that those who commit large-scale business fraud."

Mr Sampson added that even in major fraud cases, such as the Guinness trial, where custodial sentences are handed down they were often reduced on appeal or the full sentence was not served.

Frances Crook, director of the Howard League, described the sentence as "grossly unfair". She said that, while she did not disagree with Levitt's punishment, the outcome underlined the need for a major review of sentencing.

"We have a deeply unfair and unjust system. It appears that if you swindle millions you are allowed to take part in a restorative system, but if you are a poor child from a housing estate, you end up in jail."

Levitt's wife, Diana, and his 75-year-old father, Ben, watched from a packed public gallery as Mr Justice Laws passed sentence. The judge described the deceit of Fimbra as "thoroughly and markedly dishonest", but said there were mitigating factors. Disqualifying the pair as directors would, he said, protect the public "for a very long time to come".

Afterwards Mrs Levitt said she was "very, very relieved and pleased," adding: "We've had wonderful support from our friends and family." A crowd gathered outside the Chancery Lane courtroom as Levitt read a prepared statement. He bitterly attacked Mr Winner and said: "We are going to sue him." The *Death Wish* director was highly critical of Levitt and his dealings in a Sunday newspaper article published in January 1991.

Levitt thanked his family and legal team and expressed the hope that he would one day be able to repay the "handful" of investors who lost money.

Frederick Forsyth, the best-selling author, lost nearly £900,000 in the collapse, making him the largest single loser. He is on holiday in the Caribbean and could not be reached for comment. The affair was deeply embarrassing for Adam Faith, the pop star, and Sebastian Coe, the Olympic champion, both of whom were directors of The Levitt Group.

Earlier the court heard Levitt, now bankrupt, described as "a brilliant and innovative business brain" who delegated day-to-day responsibilities to others and ultimately fell prey to the culture he created.

Jonathan Goldberg QC told the court that £23 million was injected into the company by Levitt in an attempt to ride out what was seen as "a temporary cash-flow crisis". Two months before the collapse, unnamed employees forged fee notes and invoices to mislead a Fimbra compliance officer. Levitt was "panicked" into going along with the deception, but later came clean and confessed.

One weekend in December 1990, staff reported finding Mr Forsyth's file lying on the office floor. It had been tampered with and partly shredded. Levitt immediately notified Fimbra. Liquidators were appointed the next day.

Sir Leslie Young, a former director of the Bank of England, provided a glowing character reference for Levitt. In a letter read in court, Sir Leslie, who lost £250,000 in the collapse, called Levitt "an outstanding salesman" whom he liked and trusted, though someone who, with hindsight, was not a good manager.

The court heard how "hounding" by the press had made it impossible for Levitt to hold down new jobs. He was forced to quit as commercial manager to Lennox Lewis, the champion boxer, and tried selling car alarms. The effect on his family had been "dreadful". Mr Goldberg said: "Truly he is a ruined man — and all through one act of lunacy."

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'Who needs a place in the country when you have an acre, in town?'
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SEAN DEMPSEY



Roger Levitt, whose investment group collapsed, leaving court with his wife, Diana, yesterday with a sentence of 180 hours' community service

Major supports Lilley's 'welfare society'



BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government was embroiled last night in a pre-Budget controversy over the future of the welfare state after John Major backed Peter Lilley's call for a scaling down of the £80 billion a year cradle-to-grave system.

The clash with the opposition parties, set to dominate the political debate over coming weeks, came amid indications that the social security secretary has succeeded in winning most of the £600 million over three years he was seeking to compensate the poor for value-added tax on domestic fuel.

As Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders denounced Mr Lilley's proposals and Kenneth Clarke completed his Budget plans, the prime minister made clear that he was behind Mr Lilley's demand for a "welfare society" in which the middle-classes are encouraged to top up basic state benefits.

Mr Major said in Cambridge: "What Peter Lilley is pointing out is something that is occurring right the way across the Western world — Europe and beyond Europe — and that is the fact that the costs of many aspects of welfare are outstripping economic growth. What we need to do to maintain the welfare state is to make sure that we concentrate wealth where it really needs to be."

His remarks were ample confirmation that the Budget will mark the beginnings of a break with the postwar consensus over the shape of the welfare state. Mr Clarke is expected to slay some sacred cows by announcing curbs on invalidity benefit, unemployment pay and state subsidies for sick pay. As Mr Lilley made plain yesterday, however, such moves will be no more than a prelude to a wider, long-term assault on universal benefits such as child benefit and the basic state pension.

Tory MPs will be encouraged that Mr Clarke and Mr Lilley have settled their differences over VAT compensation. Leading figures said yesterday they hoped the chancellor would limit the political pain by introducing VAT in one go in April at 17.5 per cent, and use the extra revenue to boost pensions immediately by £1 a week per household to offset the impact of higher prices.

There were also calls for Mr Clarke to limit extra tax increases to a few hundred million pounds and forget ideas of a £3 billion rise. John Watts, Tory chairman of the all-party Treasury committee, said that although the economic indicators were good, business confidence was weak. "A large fiscal jolt could undermine that confidence and have a knock-on effect on the recovery," he said.

Mr Clarke wants to reduce the £50 billion deficit faster than planned initially by Norman Lamont. Influential fig-

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'Idiots' blamed for fog pile-ups

BY ADAM FRESCO

THICK fog blanketed much of Britain yesterday, causing dozens of road accidents, including several pile-ups. Police blamed the crashes on poor visibility and "a minority of stupid drivers".

More fog is forecast for today, but will begin to disperse tomorrow.

The westbound carriageway of the M4 in Berkshire was closed for five hours as rescue services cleared more than 40 vehicles that had collided in visibility down to 75 yards. The pile-up began when a lorry jack-knifed. As a long tailback built up, there were numerous secondary crashes. Twelve people were injured and taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

The dense fog covered most of the eastern half of England from the Midlands to the South Coast, shrouding roads in Kent, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Sussex and Dorset.

On the A2 in Kent the fog caused six separate accidents and a two-mile tailback, although nobody was injured. A Kent police spokesman said: "People were idiots. They were acting like madmen by reversing back down the hard shoulder in thick fog."

The AA reported numerous accidents on the A12, closing the London-bound carriageway at the Chelmsford bypass for two hours. Essex police recorded 19 accidents, with no one seriously injured.

Fourteen vehicles were involved in an accident on the M25, which was closed clockwise for a time between junction 29 and 30. In Hampshire the A34 near the junction with the M3 was blocked southbound because of a pile-up involving eight vehicles. Part of the M11 from London to to Cambridge northbound was closed last night.

The AA in Scotland reported thick fog last night on the M90 in Fife, with visibility down to 50 yards in Lothian. Seven passengers suffered minor injuries when their bus was in collision with a lorry and a car on the southbound carriageway of the Forth bridge.

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Patten calls on public to spot truants

BY BEN PRESTON

JOHN Patten last night called for a "neighbourhood watch" initiative against truancy in which members of the public would be encouraged to look out for children absconding from schools.

The education secretary's intervention came as ministers and senior church figures sought to end the dispute which flared in the aftermath of the James Bulger murder trial over the Church's alleged failure to teach children morality.

Lambeth Palace last night pronounced the affair closed after it received a conciliatory letter from David Maclean explaining his remarks. Earlier Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, accused the minister of speaking a bit unwisely and failing to do his homework.

Mr Patten said he greatly valued the churches' role as community leaders and said they had a central part to play in giving moral guidance to youngsters who were disaffected and playing truant.

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Hitler 'planned US pact to isolate Britain'

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT



ADOLF Hitler planned a secret pact with America, promising German assistance in the war against Japan if President Roosevelt abandoned Britain, according to secret documents disclosed yesterday.

Alarmed by the heavy cost of the German campaign in Russia in early 1942, and fearful of the growth of Japanese power, Germany was considering a *volte face* similar to the 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact in which — after years of unremitting hostility — Hitler and Stalin pledged to refrain from aggression against each other, the documents show.

British intercepts of Portuguese diplomatic communications in May 1942 brought Churchill a report warning that "there are [*sic*] beginning to exist in Germany anxiety and fear because of too great expansion by Japan whose greatly increased espionage ... is worrying the government."

The report said that "Germany is much troubled by the Russian campaign and wishes to bring the war to an end. She is trying to approach the US although the latter is trying to bring the war against Germany at all costs."

It added: "In an effort to reach an understanding, a diplomatic agent from Hitler is going to establish direct contact with Finnish elements, secretly promising the US aid against Japan in order to neutralise England." The Portuguese official, who does not identify the source of his intelligence, explained: "The neutralisation of England means this: Although England still has powerful resources it is true that Great Britain by herself, without American aid, cannot win the present war. An understanding between Germany and the US would have the logical conclusion that the latter, having conquered Japan, would have predominance in all America and Asia."

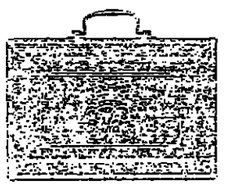
The documents, which were released yesterday at the Public Record Office at Kew under the open government initiative, are the first instalment of Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive.

Churchill received a daily summary of the best intercepts obtained by Britain's global intelligence gathering operations throughout the war years, which makes the archive a unique record of the waxing and waning of Britain's wartime fortunes.

Almost 1,300 secret documents have been declassified, covering 1940-2. A much larger archive is expected to be declassified next year.

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IN THE TIMES NEXT WEEK



The big Budget

- Next Tuesday Kenneth Clarke will deliver what could be the largest number of financial proposals ever made in one day. They will affect every home in the land.
- Making sense of all this information will not be easy. But *The Times* on Wednesday will help, leading readers through the Chancellor's plans in a special Budget supplement.
- With Anatole Kaletsky and Peter Riddell on hand to analyse the economics and the politics, and Matthew Parris and Peter Brookes providing light relief, *The Times* coverage will match the biggest of Budgets.

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Taylor insists 'oppressive' interrogation must cease

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice last night criticised police and others who tried to justify interviewing techniques condemned by the judge in the George Heron trial as "oppressive".

Lord Taylor said that such methods could cause further miscarriages of justice.

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act in 1984 had laid down stringent rules for interviewing suspects after a number of miscarriage of justice trials, he said.

"Yet despite the consternation and the public's sense of outrage that those miscarriages should have occurred and the determination that there should be no repetition, what do we find?

"That when judges exclude confessions obtained in breach of the 1984 Act, by oppressive interviewing, attempts are made in some quarters — not in all — to justify the conduct of the interviews and to criticise the judges."

After the acquittal of George Heron earlier this week on a charge of murdering seven-year-old Nikki Allen, the judge, Mr Justice Mitchell, said that Mr Heron's confession had been obtained by improper and oppressive means and he had therefore refused to admit the tape recordings as evidence.

Det Supt Barry Stewart, head of Northumbria CID, justified the interviewing and said no rules had been broken during the interviews.

Lord Taylor, giving the Leggett Lecture at The University of Surrey last night, said he found such attitudes "hard to comprehend".

"Do those who adopt it wish to have another group of miscarriage cases in five years' time?" he asked. "The public wants criminal trials to convict the guilty, but it also expects judges to take proper care to minimise the risk of wrongful convictions."

Lord Taylor went on to criticise government proposals which, he said, struck at the independence of the judiciary. He issued a warning that a recommendation by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in July, that judges should be subject to performance appraisal, was "both dangerous and naïve". In the same way that performance pay was inappropriate for judges, so was performance appraisal.

"If the rationale is to increase public confidence in the judges, having a secretive system of formal appraisal would reassure nobody. It would just be said that judges were appraising judges behind closed doors."

He added that the risk to judicial independence would not rest on whether such appraisal was secret or open, but by the judge's knowledge that it was taking place at all.

"Judges work in public. Their performance is on view all the time. If they make errors, the Court of Appeal can correct them. If they make outrageous remarks, the press is not noticeably slow in reporting them. In an extreme case, the Lord Chancellor has disciplinary powers."

Lord Taylor also criticised government proposals to introduce fixed term contracts for justices' clerks, who advise magistrates. He said he was concerned about such proposals because although justices' clerks had administrative duties, they were also judicial officers.



Lord Taylor: critical of government plans

ROBIN JONES



Southampton University students waving posters confront Mr Lilley yesterday over his plan to cut benefits

Lilley plan criticised by Labour

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ures are arguing that the economy is picking up strongly enough to withstand substantial tax rises.

Mr Clarke is expected to reduce the period in which unemployment benefit is payable from 12 months to six, saving about £500 million a year; to impose stricter medical checks on invalidity benefit and tax it; and to switch more of the sick pay burden to employers.

He insisted yesterday that his ideas represented no early threat to commitments to child benefit, unemployment benefit or the basic state pension. Labour condemned his plans. David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, said Mr Lilley was planning to destroy the welfare state by divorcing the middle classes from its provisions.

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Hopes rise for IRA ceasefire as Reynolds woos Unionists

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Unionist claimed last night that the IRA was planning to call a ceasefire next week which would go beyond the usual Christmas break in its terrorist campaign.

The claim came after James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, told his party's executive that there could be "significant developments" in Ulster over the weekend.

The IRA said this week that there could be a ceasefire as part of a negotiated settlement. A spokesman told this week's *Republican News*: "We do not expect John Major to call a unilateral halt to British military activity in Ireland. He knows there can be no unilateral halt by us. There needs to be a negotiated settlement."

In the still secret Hume-Adams initiative, Sinn Fein was understood to have agreed to push for an IRA ceasefire if the government states that the Irish people have a right to self-determination. Such a proposal is unacceptable to the government because it refuses to negotiate with paramilitaries.

Last night's ceasefire claim came after Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, began efforts in Ulster to convince Unionists that their interests were a priority in his proposals. In radio, television and newspaper interviews Mr Reynolds rejected claims by Mr Molyneaux that Dublin was acting as a conduit for Sinn Fein and the IRA.

As police in Dublin announced that they had found a Loyalist bomb planted by the Ulster Defence Association Mr Reynolds said that change would come about only with the consent of the majority in Northern Ireland. "Anybody who approaches the situation in the north of Ireland . . . and does not produce proposals that can command support across both sides of the community is doomed to failure," he said.

But he criticised Mr Molyneaux who effectively urged John Major to abandon his peace initiative earlier this week. Mr Reynolds said: "It is irresponsible for anybody to try to fuel the fears and suspicions that are groundless."

The obstacles to the search for peace were underlined last night when Unionists rounded on Mr Reynolds. The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said: "Mr Reynolds has neither the competence nor the right to speak about the internal affairs of Northern Ireland, especially when one considers that his country harbours the men of violence."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Garage man charged with MoT murders

An owner of the garage where two Department of Transport inspectors were shot dead has been charged with their murder. Police said that Thomas Gerard Bourke, 31, of Stockport, Greater Manchester, will appear before magistrates today. A second man, believed to be Mr Bourke's 36-year-old brother, is still in custody.

Simon Bruno, 28, and Alan Singleton, 56, were shot at Chestergate Autos in Stockport on Monday evening. The two were on a routine investigation involving MoT certificates when a man brandishing a shotgun burst into the garage and shot them in the head at close range.

A support fund to help the families of the murdered inspectors has been set up by their colleagues.

Patten says sorry again

John Patten, the education secretary, yesterday repeated in the Commons an apology for calling Birmingham's chief education officer a "nutter" and a "madman". Professor Tim Brighouse issued a writ, which still stands, after Mr Patten's comments at a Tory conference fringe meeting in Blackpool last month. Mr Patten apologised the next day, insisting he had made "satirical, not literal remarks" and said yesterday: "I am happy to repeat in the Commons an apology to Mr Tim Brighouse for anything I said that offended him."

Teacher denies assault

A woman teacher yesterday denied three charges of indecent assault of a boy aged 14. Jane Watts, 47, of Ferndown, Dorset, is alleged to have committed the offences between February and August last year. Mrs Watts, who has been suspended from her school, was remanded on bail by Winchester Crown Court.

Mercy-killer found dead

A pensioner has been found hanged after being given two years' probation for killing his wife, who was seriously ill after a stroke. Dennis Lydon, 66, was found at his sister's home in Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, police said. Last week he admitted manslaughter with diminished responsibility after smothering his wife, Agnes, 67, with a pillow as she slept.

Hope for transplant boy



Rhys Daniels, right, the two-year-old boy given a bone marrow transplant five months ago, is showing good signs of recovery from the rare genetic disorder Batten's Disease, according to his doctors. His father, Barry, of Epping, Essex, said: "The doctors are very excited because a blood sample has shown a marked decrease in the affected cells — something they did not expect to see this early."

Teenage girls freed

Two teenage girls arrested after the death of a 14-year-old girl were released yesterday on bail without being charged. Serena Steele, of Aston, Birmingham, died in hospital hours after saying she had been attacked in the street near her home. A post-mortem examination and tests have failed to reveal the cause of death.

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Gummer's lift-off from faulty towers

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE CURSE of Marsham Street Towers struck John Gummer yesterday as he sounded the death knell of one of central London's ugliest eyesores.

The environment secretary was trapped for more than 20 minutes in a lift at his department's twin-towered headquarters in Marsham Street as he prepared to tell 2,000 civil servants of their move from the crumbling office block complex.

Mr Gummer finally emerged, along with 14 of his most senior officials, after technicians reconnected the lift's power supply.

Minutes later he announced, with especial glee, his department's plans to flee the much-ridiculed office blocks in Victoria. Mr Gummer, who has made no secret of his personal loathing for his office accommodation, said the demolition of the 19-storey blocks would be "to the benefit of the London skyline".

Mr Gummer's announcement that thousands of civil servants would be moved to offices within a few hundred yards finally confirmed that the environment department would not be rehoused at Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, as once planned.

The decision not to move to Docklands has delighted civil servants who went on strike last year in protest at unpopular plans to move them to east London headquarters.

Demolition of the current offices will provide a prime site for development which Westminster City Council will insist must include some residential accommodation. Planning permission for future development is expected within six months, after which the government will decide whether to sell the site or invite tenders for development.

The deteriorating condition of the 1960s Marsham Street offices, close to the Houses of Parliament, has long been the butt of Whitehall humour.

Public opposed to any VAT rise

BY PETER RIDDELL

PEOPLE would prefer a rise in income tax or cuts in government spending to any increase in the rate of VAT if they had to make a choice, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*, taken last weekend.

The results highlight the extent of opposition to an extension of VAT in next Tuesday's Budget. In September, a MORI poll indicated hostility to the extension of VAT to domestic fuel (opposed by 92 per cent) announced last March. The poll also underlined public opposition to extensions of VAT to newspapers (69 per cent against) and books (80 per cent against).

This month's poll asked which of three options people would prefer. Only 9 per cent mentioned a rise in the VAT rate, while 43 per cent said they would prefer a rise in the basic rate of income tax, and 38 per cent expressed a preference for cuts in government spending.

The proportion favouring a rise in income tax has fallen since June (from 51 per cent), while the number preferring cuts in spending has risen (from 35 per cent).

There is, however, a sharp contrast in attitudes between the middle and working classes. In general, the higher the income, the more people say they would prefer a rise in income tax if given a choice.

TACKLING THE DEFICIT

If you had to make a choice between these, which one would you prefer?

	All %	Social Class AB %	C1 %	C2 %	E %
A rise in the basic rate of income tax	43	52	48	40	38
A rise in the rate of VAT	9	13	13	10	4
Cuts in Govt spending	38	31	32	42	44
Don't know/no opinion	9	4	7	8	14

Source: MORI

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Cricketer cleared of raping woman at Henley regatta

■ The third high-profile acquittal of an alleged rapist has increased fears that real victims of sex attacks will not seek help

A SOUTH African cricketer was cleared yesterday of raping a woman beside the Henley regatta course after a jury unanimously accepted his story that she had led him on.

After the case at Oxford Crown Court, Mark Bredell, 25, kissed his girl friend and toasted his future with champagne. "It is nice to know that the truth really counts," he said. "That is what had kept me going all the way through."

Coming after the acquittal of Austen Donnellan and Matthew Kydd, both students, yesterday's verdict dismayed Victim Support, a group that helps the victims of crime.

"At the moment only one rape in four gets reported," Helen Pegges, of the group, said. "It is vitally important that people do report them yet every time there is an acquittal it becomes more difficult. There is an increasing reluctance among women to report them and I would not be in the least surprised if the level dropped even further now.

"Acquittals make it even more difficult for women to come forward. It is particularly difficult for women who have some kind of acquaintance with the person they allege has assaulted them."

Mr Bredell, a 6ft 2in player with Western Province Colts, had been on a sporting exchange with a Henley club. The rape was alleged to have happened after he had been helping to organise parking on the last day of the regatta in July, and had been drinking beer, vermouth and gin. He told the court that a fortune teller at the regatta said he was going to be lucky, and then he brushed against the 20-year-old woman on the towpath.

Mr Bredell said they smiled, started chatting and lost contact with their friends. The woman, who was wearing a long split skirt that almost revealed her underwear, then asked if he knew a short cut and he took her through the field by the towpath where they started kissing passionately.

He admitted that it had been his intention to find a secluded area where they could make love, but said the woman led him on and took the lead in everything that happened. At one point she ran away but he caught her and pulled her down and they fell together laughing in the field.

It was the woman, he said, who took off his trousers and underpants before getting on top of him. After they made love, he told the court, she ran away and he lay in the field hearing people in cars hooting their horns and chanting: "We know what you're doing."

Sandra Stanfield, for the defence, told the court that Mr Bredell had been incapable of rape because he had drunk so much.

"We all know the flesh in that area is very weak," she said. "Mark Bredell had a perfect example of brewer's droop."

She said the woman had taken all the initiative. Other witnesses told the court that they had seen a woman running through the fields and a man bringing her down with what looked like a rugby tackle, but Miss Stanfield said they thought the couple were only there for "a bit of rumpy pumpy".

The woman told the jury she had not minded the kisses but had not wanted to go any further. She said Mr Bredell had rugby tackled her in the field as she tried to get away and then raped her.

The jury, which visited the scene by the towpath with the judge and barristers, were out for four hours before reaching their unanimous not guilty verdict.

After the case Mr Bredell would not discuss his feelings for the woman who had accused him. "I just feel sorry for real rape victims," he said.

Commenting on the fortune teller's prediction, he said: "I don't know what good fortune is any more. This has been a hard time in my life but I am going to make the best of it. I expect I will come back here one day but for the moment I just want to get back to Cape Town."

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Mark Bredell celebrates his acquittal with his girl friend Rebecca Pugh

Dying man seeks son he has never seen

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A CANADIAN businessman suffering from cancer who has been told he has months to live is trying to trace the illegitimate son he has never seen.

Frank Haines, 50, from Vancouver, became a father during his teens, when he was in the Royal Navy. His girl friend Jenny Hull, then aged 16, gave birth to a son, originally named Mark, while Mr Haines was in Singapore. The boy was later adopted and Mr Haines never saw Miss Hull again.

She had reverted to her mother's maiden name of Wheatley, moved to Australia, married and become Mrs Winham. Mr Haines settled in Canada, where he has become a dollar millionaire through real estate.

Mr Haines wrote to the *Rugby Advertiser* about his search because it was in Rugby, Warwickshire, that his parents ran a pub, where he met Jenny in 1962.

Local enquiries found a sister of the former Miss Hull, Margaret Harris, living in Rugby. Mr Haines hopes that through her he will be able to contact Mrs Winham in Australia, and also Mark.

Mrs Harris said yesterday: "I had not heard from Jenny for ten years, but I spoke to her today. She does not want her private life spattered all over the newspapers." She said that Mark was now Steve Attwood, a mature student at an Australian college.

Mr Haines said yesterday: "I want to be sure my son is all right and that he has everything he needs."

Killer freed again after row with girl friend

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who was acquitted last July of killing a music teacher walked free from court yesterday after he was arrested during a disturbance at his girl friend's home.

Joseph Elliott, 19, was said by police to have shouted during the arrest that he had got away with murder and to have made comments about the recent killing of PC Patrick Dunne, in Clapham, south London.

PC Alan Seaman told Camberwell magistrates that he had entered the sitting room of the woman's flat in Streatham at 1am yesterday, where he heard Mr Elliott threatening his girl friend.

After Mr Elliott continued to shout abuse, he was arrested, handcuffed and taken outside by police officers where he shouted: "Joseph Elliott 2, Police 0," the court was told. "He then said he was going to do his mother, began spitting at everyone and tried to head butt us," PC Seaman added.

Mr Elliott, of Streatham, told the court it had been a personal argument with his girl friend. He agreed to be bound over for a year in the sum of £100 on a charge of breaching the peace.

The incident happened near to where a music teacher, Robert Osborne, was stabbed to death last December. At his trial, Mr Elliott pleaded self defence, claiming that Mr Osborne had threatened him with a hammer after accusing him of slashing car tyres.

Mr Elliott appeared in court in September over possession of a truncheon and breaching a probation order.

The rise and fall of Roger Levitt

Brash fighter refuses to stay down

BY JON ASHWORTH



LUNCH with Roger Levitt was like dining with a volcano. He would sit at the head of the boardroom table, bowls of crisps and tuna mayonnaise spread before him, and speak, rapid-fire, stream-of-consciousness, about himself and his plans.

How he played squash with people half his age and thrashed them. How The Levitt Group was going to be "a global force in financial services". How he was going to make more money than anyone else.

It was the summer of 1989, and Mr Levitt appeared unstoppable. His company had tripled its turnover in the space of a year, Legal & General and LIT Holdings had invested millions and joint ventures were under way in Switzerland, Belgium and Italy. The City could scent a winner.

Fourteen months later, on a snow-bound weekend in December 1990, the United Kingdom's biggest private financial services company folded like a house of cards. Liquidators who went into Mr Levitt's offices in Great Portland Street in the West End found a scene of total disarray.

The accounts were a mess. There were tales of secretaries sneaking in on Saturdays to erase book-entries. Police on the case later joked that even the paper clips were leased.

Even today, nobody is sure how it went so badly wrong. The general view is that Mr Levitt expanded so fast that no amount of business could keep up. Here was an East End boy who did not have a clue about book-keeping. What he did know was selling and he used his skills to devastating effect.

Roger Levitt's rise was astonishing. After working as a trainee manager with Marks & Spencer, he joined Crown Life and soon became its most successful British insurance salesman. He was invited to join the "million-dollar top table", an elite group of salesmen from around the world.

In 1977, he set up a two-man business called Roger Levitt Pension Consultants. A year or two later, he was joined by Mark Reed and they began to branch into investment management and mortgages. By the late 1980s, The Levitt Group had 450 employees and was valued at £150 million.

Mr Levitt paid himself nearly £1 million a year and embraced the celebrity lifestyle. He threw lavish parties at his home in Highgate, north London, and cultivated sportsmen and entertainers. He formed close ties with Adam Faith and Sebastian Coe and "discovered" an up-and-coming boxer called Lennox Lewis.

He had a box at Arsenal football ground. Frederick Forsyth, the thriller writer, became "a close friend".

Wherever he went, Mr Levitt's trademark bow-tie and cigar went too. He chomped his way through £900 worth of Davidoff cigars a month — two boxes every three weeks. Weekends were often spent with the West Country polo set.

Asked why they did not have a weekend retreat, his wife Diana once replied: "Who needs a place in the country when you have an acre in town?" Besides, there was always the villa in Spain.

After his arrest, the Levitts and their five children moved to St John's Wood, supported by the generosity of friends. In his day, Mr Levitt was a generous donor to charity. He gave to hospitals and old people's homes, and funded a new wing at Oriel College, Oxford, nicknamed "the Levittry" by irreverent students.

Not even the prospect of a spell in prison was able to dent Mr Levitt's irrepressible personality. Peter Clowes, who defrauded so many pensioners, stared sullenly from the dock as sentence was passed. Robert Miller of Dunsdale Securities greeted his fate with resignation. Not Mr Levitt.

He positively bounced into court when his trial began, posing for photographers with his wife, smiling broadly, looking every bit the winner. It was this chutzpah that convinced big-name City institutions such as General Accident and Commercial Union to invest nearly £15 million in The Levitt Group, even as it was falling apart.

Mr Levitt still has his fans. This, after all, was not a collapse which left thousands of investors destitute. Mr Forsyth lost up to £900,000, making him the largest individual loser, but no more than 50 investors lost money in all. In the main the company was just the middle-man, arranging life and pension policies and making its money from commissions.

Mr Levitt's days in insurance are finished — indeed, he hopes to sell imported vacuum cleaners — but the story may go a little further yet. He coaxed Lennox Lewis through his early days and continues to take a more than casual interest in ringside events.

All the signs are that the champion has not forgotten his old mentor. Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, has denied any links with Mr Levitt but was unable to explain how they came to share the same office telephone number.

Spotlights, crowds and the razzmatazz of the arena . . . we have not heard the last of Roger Levitt.

Baby died after surgery went wrong

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A BABY aged six weeks died during a routine operation when oxygen to help him breathe went into his stomach instead of his lungs.

As a result of the error, Edward Riley suffered severe damage to his brain, liver and heart. His parents agreed to turn off his life support machine after being told he was unlikely to survive.

Ian and Terri-Ann Riley, of Warton, Lancashire, are taking legal advice on whether to sue the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. They were told the operation was a simple procedure to correct a congenital defect in which their son's stomach muscles were constricted causing repeated vomiting.

An inquest into the death was told that the problem was discovered by Dr Donald Macgregor, a consultant paediatrician, who was called when it was realised that the operation was going wrong. He found the oxygen tube was in the food pipe instead of the windpipe.

Dr John Davies, a consultant anaesthetist, said he had placed the one-inch air tube into the child's windpipe with some difficulty but was satisfied it was in the correct position after listening to Edward's lungs. The inquest was told the tube may have become dislodged by the movement of Edward's head or chest.

Mr George Howson, the coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure. "It is obvious that, for a period of time, the child was starved of oxygen," he said.

Yesterday Paul Whitfield, the infirmary chief executive, said a full review had been carried out after Edward's death in August. "There is always with every surgical procedure an element of risk," he said. "The doctors did all they could."

THE SUNDAY TIMES
One day in February
Instead of going to school, Jon Venables met Bobby Thompson at the top of Walton village, by the church. 'You sagging?' 'Yeah.' And off they went, ducking down the alleyways to avoid being spotted. As they went along, they talked about robbing and sagging (playing truant). Jon wondered what would happen if they got caught. Bobby said they'd probably end up in the police station . . .
The day James Bulger was murdered had begun.
The inside story — in The Sunday Times, tomorrow

Archers fan blows the gaffe over a monosyllabic cow

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AMBRIDGE is a one-moo town, and the cow has been found out.

Sharp-eared listeners to Radio 4's everyday story of country folk have noticed that, whether on Tony and Pat Archer's organic farm or among Brian Aldridge's beef herd, the moos are remarkably similar. The gaffe was blown when an identical moo was heard on the farm of Ambridge newcomers Maureen and Geoff Travis.

Yesterday, BBC Pebble Mill was obliged to come clean; the cast of *The Archers* includes only one cow, and a monosyllabic one at that.

Jill Wolstenholme, a farmer from Llandeilo, Dyfed, with an ear finely attuned to the bovine nuance, had her suspicions so aroused that she wrote to *Radio Times*. "It has come to my attention that there is only one cow in Ambridge. I can only assume that the farming community there has joined together to outwit the EC and perpetrate some dastardly subsidy fraud."

Mrs Wolstenholme said that the universal Ambridge moo sounded remarkably like that of Ginger, one of her own herd; but whether from Brian's beef heifers or Tony's milkers, it was always the same one. Real cattle had individual voices which their owners could easily identify.

Tim Coleman, the show's assistant producer, admitted yesterday that one solitary beast had to move around all the farms in Ambridge performing its extremely limited repertoire. But he promised action to restore authenticity. "I am going to the Royal Agricultural Society at Stoneleigh as soon as possible to record some more bellows."

Not all cows are good mooers, according to Mr Coleman. Any beasts wishing to audition will have to produce a very distinctive, strong and atmospheric moo than can convey an entire bovine personality in two seconds.

Devotees of *The Archers* are demons for veracity in sound effects, and have been known to complain at the use of the wrong door noise for a particular farmhouse. By comparison, Susan Carter's recent utterance of the show's first recorded swear word is small beer.

Mrs Wolstenholme said: "Just the other day we heard what was supposed to be a Welsh ewe lamb on Tony and Pat's farm. But it was certainly no lamb — it was much too old."

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Patten seeks community action to fight truancy

BY BEN PRESTON AND RICHARD FORD

A NATIONAL network of Truancy Watch schemes, modelled on the Neighbourhood Watch initiative to combat crime, was urged yesterday by John Patten, the education secretary.

His call came as government and church moved to defuse the row over moral education that has followed the James Bulger case. David Maclean, a Home Office minister, accused the church of not doing enough to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

Mr Maclean sent a conciliatory reply to Lambeth Palace's demand for clarification of his remarks. Both the prime minister and Michael Howard, the home secretary, refused to be drawn into the controversy. The minister's letter was endorsed by Mr Howard but he refused four times to say whether he agreed with Mr Maclean's comments.

Mr Patten tried to move the debate in a positive direction by calling for community action to deal with truancy. Speaking in the aftermath of the conviction of two regular truants for the murder of James Bulger, Mr Patten said the public could not afford to leave teachers and the police to tackle truancy.

At a school prize-giving ceremony in Towcester, Northamptonshire, he said: "The time has come to start mobilising communities in helping to conquer a problem that is now too big for some schools alone to deal with." Truancy disrupted schools, devastated the education of those who absconded from lessons and often led to a life of crime, he said.

The first national truancy league tables, published last week, showed huge variations between schools, with a fifth of pupils absent at any one time from some. Research commissioned by the education department has suggested that up to a third of older children play truant regularly.

Mr Patten said the principle of the 115,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes set up to fight crime should be extended to truancy. "Just as the helpful citizen can be effective in looking out for anything suspicious going on in their own neighbourhood, so the shopper or the shopkeeper, the park attendant or the bus conductor, can be encouraged to look out for the child playing truant."

Mr Patten said he was a great believer in school uniform because it made it easier to spot truants. "A child who is out of school is pretty easy to identify — travelling on buses and trains, hanging around shopping arcades, playing local parks, renting videos ... We cannot afford to walk by on the other side, to shuffle off the responsibility on to the schools or the police."

Mr Patten highlighted the success of a scheme in Staffordshire that created "truancy-free zones" with considerable community support. He also emphasised the central role that churches had to play as community leaders, helping to give moral guidance about right and wrong to disaffected and truanting youngsters. The ultimate responsibility for tackling truancy, however, lay with parents.

Mr Patten's comments came amid bewilderment among teachers' leaders and confusion in Whitehall at Mr Maclean's suggestion that the government was considering lessons in parenting as part of the national curriculum. This was disclosed at a Children's Society conference on Wednesday, the day that the two 11-year-old boys were convicted of killing James, 2.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, urged ministers to concentrate their efforts on today's parents, rather than the next generation, with campaigns emphasising their responsibility for their children's education.

Michael Howard refused to discuss the matter and the education department said it knew of no specific proposals.

Schools say parents must back moral code

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders are facing an uphill struggle to influence the morals of Britain's five and a half million schoolchildren as the spirit of secularism continues to erode active church membership.

Their influence through churches, Sunday schools and youth clubs is declining in the face of outdoor activities, private entertainment and the rise in car ownership which has transformed Sunday into an opportunity for a day out.

An introduction to the UK Christian Handbook says: "For the over 45s, church going may be part of their culture, but younger generations need a good reason for going. Churches may not like the word 'marketplace' but that is where the churches today find themselves."

If the churches find it difficult to attract youngsters, they can influence hundreds of thousands through Roman Catholic, Church of England and Methodist-run schools. More than 800,000 primary and secondary school pupils attended Church of England schools in 1990-1, 16,000 pupils attended Methodist schools and 773,457 attended Roman Catholic schools.

While overall church membership declined by 4 per cent between 1985 and 1990, many parents still apparently want a church-based education for their children. Roman Catholic and Anglican officials say that many of their schools are oversubscribed.

The Right Rev Michael Adie, Bishop of Guildford, said that Church of England schools had been providing moral assistance and encouraging people to take the purpose of life seriously. "In many cases, the values being taught at school are not replicated at home," he said.

Another Anglican complained that too many parents were unwilling to take responsibility for moral education. "There are many parents very keen to get their children into church schools for their ethos and the influences it will give the child, but too many fail to appreciate that they must back it up at home."

The Right Rev David Konstant, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, said that in most Catholic schools the parish priest was a familiar figure, taking part in lessons and offering help to pupils and staff. "The general ethos is in maintaining relationships between parents, the school and the parish. The school is a primary part of parish life. Children are taught the ten commandments and that there are certain things that are always wrong," he said.

In 1992 an average 92,000 children under 13 attended Methodist churches and about 268,000 had contact with the church through youth clubs and organisation such as the Boys' and Girls' Brigades.

All the churches run youth clubs and have increasingly begun to move deeper into the community through industrial missions and by giving grants to self-help groups.

JULIAN HERBERT



The Rev David Adams, head of Weydon comprehensive school in Farnham, Hampshire, discussing the Bulger case with 15-year-olds

Hardline minister too inclined to say what he thinks



Maclean: has clashed with liberal officials

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ALICE THOMSON

MAN IN THE NEWS

DAVID Maclean, the Home Office minister who criticised the church for failing to teach children morality, is by his own admission an infrequent churchgoer. But he is not ill-informed on religious matters.

Brought up in a strict Free Church of Scotland family, as a backbench MP he rarely missed the daily prayer meetings in the Commons chamber and can quote chunks of the Bible.

But he considers the Church of England serves up a "weak gruel", not at all like the fire and brimstone diet of the Free Church of Scotland.

His wife, Jay, is a devout, practising Roman Catholic and Maclean is moving closer to Rome. His friends believe he might one day convert. He bought his own copy of the papal encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, and read it from beginning to end. He describes the document as "the greatest exposition of natural law since Thomas Aquinas". He has lent it to friends and colleagues with his own notes annexed in the margin.

In the political dog fight over crime, David Maclean has often clashed with his more liberal officials in the Home Office. In June he planned in a speech to call for "vermin" to be driven from the streets, to praise vigilantes and consider whether rapists should be castrated. His remarks were so incendiary that civil servants reportedly "went bananas" and Michael Howard, the home secretary, forced him to censor the speech.

So it comes as little surprise that he is now having a scrap with the church.

The square-jawed, 41-year-old MP for Lord Whitelaw's former constituency, Penrith and The Border, is a brash, tough minded, bouncy Highlander who is as at home in tweed suits and wellingtons as he is with a red box.

he has firm right-wing credentials and was one of those who insisted on seeing Margaret Thatcher to persuade her to fight on the night the Cabinet told her she was going to lose the leadership. He was also pragmatic enough to be found within 48 hours on John Major's campaign team.

His political promotion has been rapid. He went via the whips' office to a junior post at agriculture, where he saw through the new food safety regulations before becoming an environment minister.

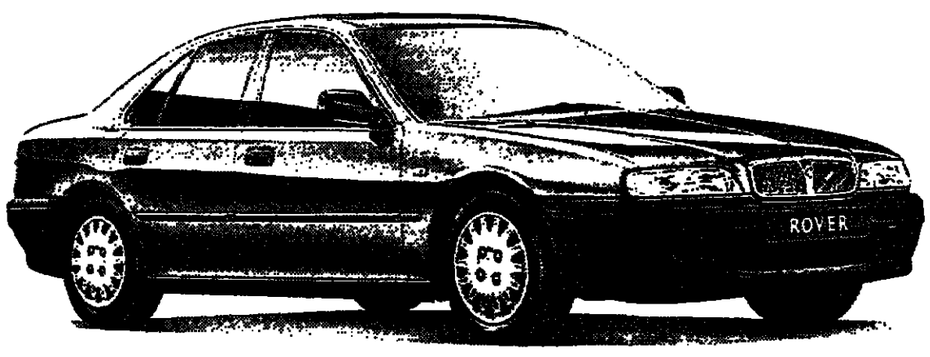
The only real criticism attached to him at agriculture was his insatiable desire for publicity. Although never quite as pushy as his predecessor, Edwina Currie, he enjoyed being photographed eating British sausages.

"He is not prone to outbursts, but he does tend to be more honest than he should. Politically he is quite naïve. Whether he gets into the cabinet will depend on his self-control," a former adviser said.

Others think he may already be out of his depth with law and order, in which even someone of Mr Howard's experience can get into trouble with the liberal establishment.

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RAF woman sacked for pregnancy is awarded £173,000

By A Staff Reporter

The MoD offered only £12,000 to a former senior officer. An industrial tribunal has sharply raised its compensation bill

A WOMAN who served as a senior RAF engineering officer during the Falklands war but was dismissed after becoming pregnant was awarded £172,912 by an industrial tribunal yesterday.

The award, almost 15 times the amount that had been offered to Nichola Cannock in settlement, is likely to sharply increase the bill the Ministry of Defence will face because of the RAF's former policy of dismissing pregnant women.

Mrs Cannock, a mother of three, said after the hearing in Leeds: "The tribunal has made a good effort to see that justice has been done. I still very loyally support the RAF. I firmly believe the quality of manpower at the RAF is second to none." She now teaches physics in Cambridge. Her husband is a squadron leader.

The Ministry of Defence said: "We will not comment on an individual case, but obviously the length of time servicewomen had still to serve, their rank and promotion prospects are all taken into account when settling the compensation. This award does seem significantly larger than those made previously, but we have only just heard the decision, and do not yet know whether there will be an appeal."

Compensation in such cases was limited to £11,000 until August when the European Court ruled that the limit breached European law. In November 1992, the Ministry of Defence said there were 5,000 women eligible to make claims for compensation. So far, 3,300 have done so.

The two-day hearing was told that Mrs Cannock, 38, had been promoted after several excellent reports and was set to move to a job servicing Tornado fighters when she became pregnant.

"I feel bitter. I had a good career ahead of me and felt very frustrated that they were forcing me to terminate it," she said. The RAF rejected her application to rejoin eight years later.

Mrs Cannock claimed damages from the Defence Council and the RAF Board for injury to feelings, loss of career, earnings, pension rights, resettlement grants and interest. They admitted sex discrimination but claimed that she was entitled to only just over £12,000 for pecuniary losses.


MALIK WALTON

Nichola Crannock served in the Falklands war. She is now a physics teacher

Troubleshooters scour the world to fix Tube fault

By Edward Gorman

SACKFULS of compensation claims arrived at London Underground offices yesterday as commuters faced further disruption to their journey home.

Engineers trying to locate the cause of a fault in 1940s paper-insulated cables on the Central Line contacted metro and subway operators around the world in an effort to solve the problems.

London Transport said enquiries had been made in New York, Chicago, Paris, Madrid, Sydney, Melbourne and Tokyo as well as with cable manufacturers. "I can tell you we are leaving no stone unturned," it said.

Engineers said they were no nearer to find the root of the problem than they had been when trouble first developed.

The fault has closed the Central Line east of Liverpool Street station since Wednesday and the service is unlikely to resume before Monday, forcing thousands of commuters to travel to work by bus, train and car.

Many commuters were thought to have taken the day off yesterday, rather than endure another day struggling to and from work.

In a separate incident on the Victoria Line, about a hundred passengers were trapped in a tunnel for more than an hour after a points failure near Walthamstow Central. London Transport said the cause was a mechanical failure, rather than an electrical fault like that which trapped 20,000 people in tunnels for hours on Wednesday.

After a week of unprecedented failures on the 240-mile system, with shutdowns on six separate lines, officials were bracing themselves for a flood of compensation claims. "There were sackfuls coming last night and staff are working overtime to try to keep up," a spokesman said.

The customer charter launched in August last year undertakes to compensate any passenger who is delayed by more than 20 minutes. The cost of a single journey is refunded if there is a delay, and the price of a full return if a journey is abandoned, as happened to thousands of passengers this week.

Energy targets go out of the window

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

HOMES, offices and factories are wasting more fuel this year than they were three years ago, when the government launched its energy saving initiative.

The virtual failure of the energy policy is said to be adding to the misery of low income householders, threatening economic competitiveness and making a mockery of internationally agreed targets for curbing pollution.

The findings are contained in a highly critical report, published yesterday by the Commons environment committee, which derides all the government's energy efficiency schemes for being too limited or underfunded.

The committee found that instead of restraining energy consumption in relation to economic activity, Britain has increased it by nearly 4 percent since 1989. The government's own buildings, which are supposed to set an example by saving a fifth of their energy within five years, are consuming 18 per cent more.

Under agreements signed at the Earth Summit in Brazil last year, Britain should have stabilised emissions of carbon dioxide at the 1990 level.

Andrew Warren, of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, who gave evidence to the committee, said yesterday: "These targets must now be in doubt. It is a unique achievement. We have managed to make GDP go down but have our energy inefficiency increase three years in a row."

The committee has produced 70 recommendations. They include using some of the funds raised by VAT on fuel bills to insulate low income homes.

Other proposals include toughening up building regulations and forcing supply companies to support energy saving.

Credo

Church must lead in battle for souls

James Thompson

The priority for church and society in the light of the trial and conviction of the two boys who murdered James Bulger is not to find people to blame, nor to try and pass off responsibility, but rather to think, pray and then act. Although murder by children has been extremely rare, we all sense that we need to wake up to the disturbed, violent and amoral behaviour of what seems to be a growing number of children.

The police interview tapes demonstrated that the boys had almost no moral sense as could be seen by their lies, sustained cruelty, complete lack of loyalty to each other and their lack of real remorse. Those of us who have worked with children who are disturbed recognise the alienation which can become a way of life for children who range without security or stability in their lives, especially if they have sustained exposure to marital conflict, environmental brutalisation or inadequate or violent parents.

There is a range of such alienation from the child who can't be coped with in the classroom to the child who is locked into aggressive uncontrollable behaviour based on a more profound pathology which causes quite young children to commit serious crimes.

We can't escape into the rarity of the event, nor into calling these children freaks — they are a sign of a broader reality. When we look at causes, I still believe we need to look first at their family or the surrogates who have nurtured them in their most formative years, and their overall relationship with adults. Sometimes they come from settings in which the parents or a parent have tried their best, but the struggle for survival has taken the security away and left the child totally responsible for itself for far too long.

To live in a violent or severely divided home churns up the emotional and moral response, so that the child develops a tough, violent hardness of heart or a chaotic set of responses to what happens day by day. The disturbed child is then further exposed to the evil imagination which can reach via television right into the corner of every home and every heart. It is fertile ground in which weeds can grow.

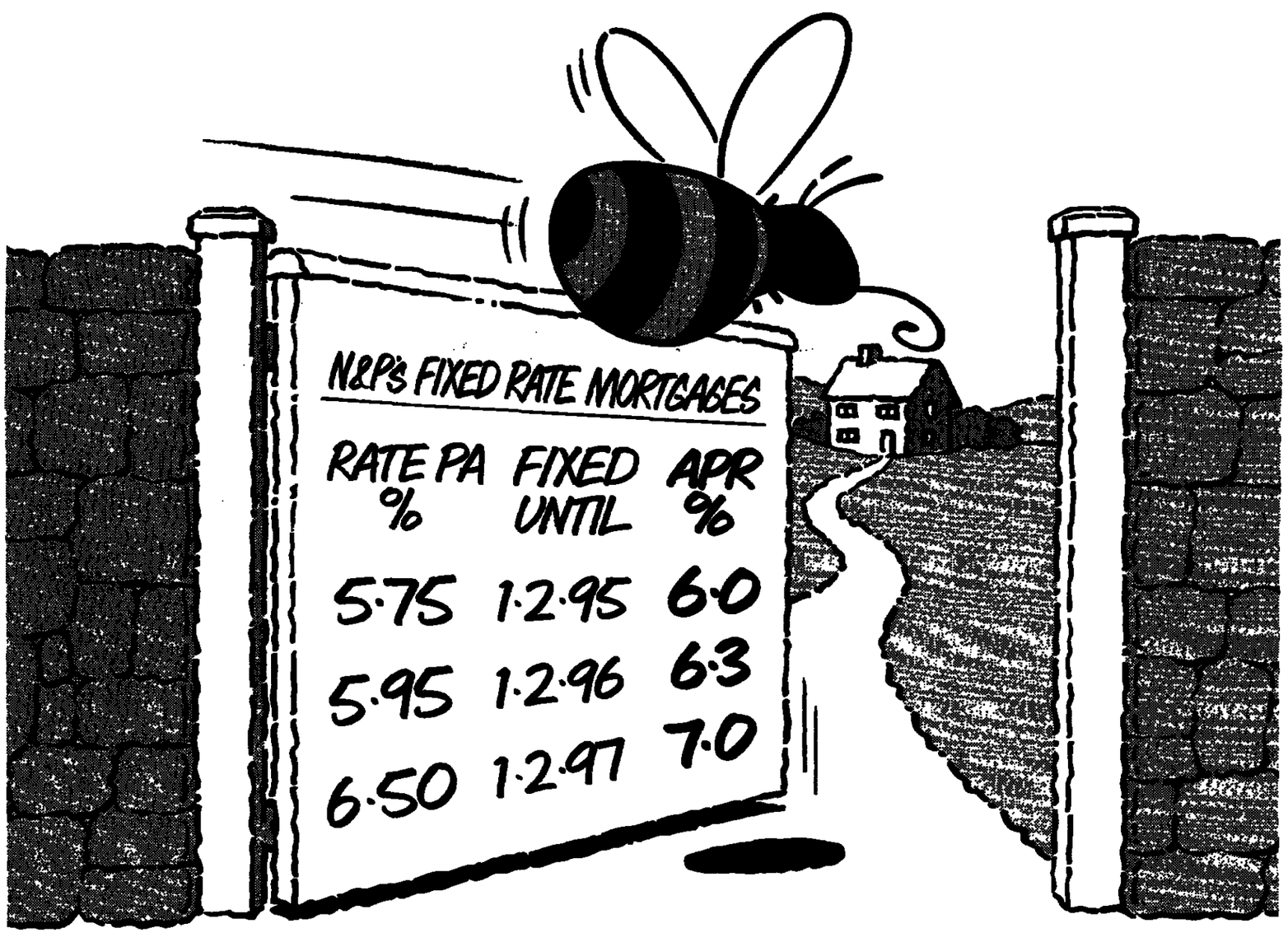
We need a sharp realisation that there is no greater responsibility than the nourishing of our children to give them as secure an adult world in which they can develop their attitudes to themselves, their families and their wider society. Of course the church has to teach about right and wrong and that applies not just to children, but to society at large.

The church, however, will probably contribute more through the teaching and nurture provided in our church schools and parishes and by our specialist contribution of the youth and children workers rather than by the leadership that can be given through the words spoken by the archbishops and bishops.

We long to enter into debate on these great moral issues and I hope and pray that James will, in his death, have jolted not just the church but society into a new era of recognising what a battle it is for each soul to be good.

The Right Rev James Thompson is Bishop of Bath and Wells.

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Castle starts new treatment in attempt to beat the odds

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ROY Castle, the entertainer who gave hope to thousands of cancer sufferers by fighting off lung cancer last year, faces an even tougher battle after a recurrence of the disease.

He has already defied specialists' expectations by surviving 15 months with the disease. "He has beaten it once, he will do it again," his wife Fiona said yesterday at their home in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. "He has not felt too well recently, which is why he had to be checked out on Tuesday. That is when they discovered it. They said the lung cancer has returned and he has to undergo more treatment. He is very positive and determined."

Castle, 61, who has fought the cancer with wit and good humour since being diagnosed in March last year, was told there was only a 5-10 per cent chance that treatment would be successful. Most sufferers die within 12 months.

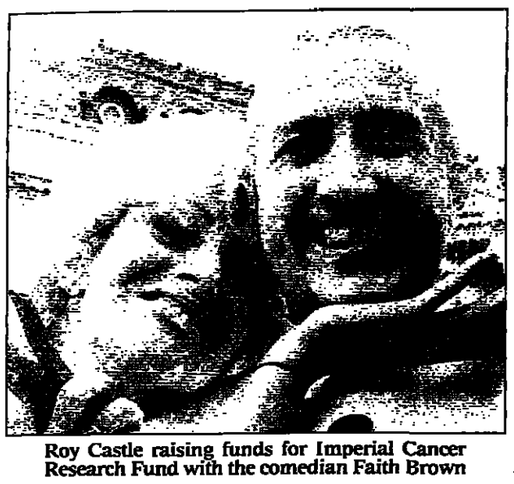
"I've got a disease that could kill me," he said at the time. "There is a chance of beating it and a chance that I might not have very long to live. There is no way you can buy your way out of this one." He had chemotherapy, which left his muscles wasted and made his hair fall out, but continued working and raised thousands of pounds for cancer charities. He has campaigned on the dangers of smoking.

Lung cancer has the highest death rate of all cancers, with less than 10 per cent of sufferers surviving five years. If the disease recurs, the survival prospects worsen.

Castle, host of the long-running BBC television show *Record Breakers*, this week began a new course of chemotherapy that has shown promising results in small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for about a quarter of all cases. He has never smoked cigarettes and may have contracted the disease as a result of playing the trumpet in smoky clubs. A quarter of all lung cancer cases in non-smokers are thought to be caused by passive smoking.

He recently told an interviewer: "When I look back at my days in the clubs, a spotlight would come from the back of the room, the smoke would be whirling in it, and I was playing the trumpet and sucking it in at 100 miles an hour. I feel very privileged now that I've been given a platform to complain on behalf of the non-smokers."

Dr Dennis Talbot, a specialist in lung cancer at Churchill Hospital, Oxford, said some cancers were much more sensitive to drugs than others. Three quarters of patients with small-cell lung cancer responded well to chemotherapy. "There is dramatic shrinkage of their tumour and they feel very much better," he said. "The problem is that any cells left behind are there because they have a resistance to the drugs. If they grow and the disease comes back, it is always less sensitive after initial treatment."



Roy Castle raising funds for Imperial Cancer Research Fund with the comedian Faith Brown



James Greenwood, a former banker, and his wife Carina set off from New Delhi for Amritsar on the latest leg of their attempt to ride around the world on horseback yesterday. The British couple, both in their late 20s, began the Asian part of their 20,000-mile journey in Japan, then travelled through South East Asia before arriving in Calcutta. "As far as I know, no one's ever ridden round the world before," Mr Greenwood said. "It's more a way of life than an expedition." The odyssey is expected to take six years.

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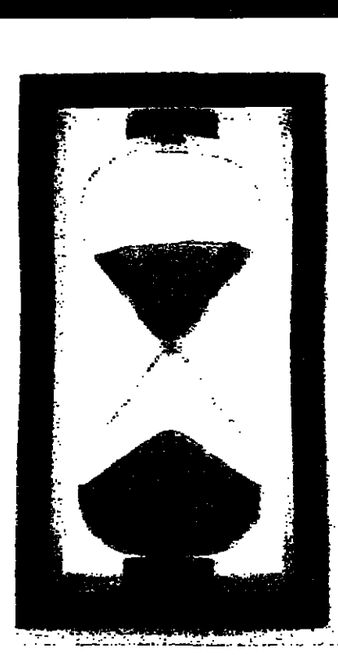
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War papers reveal prime minister's knowledge of slaughter in 1942

British troops were recruited as guards at death camps

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

BRITISH prisoners of war were recruited by the Germans to be guards at the Auschwitz concentration camp, according to documents released from Churchill's wartime intelligence archive.

British intercepts of German SS communications discovered a request in July 1942 for 80 British prisoners (*haeftling*) who would be "suitable for employment as *capos*" at the camp in Poland, one of the most notorious of the Nazi death camps.

The intelligence report told Churchill that "*capos* appear to be overseers or foremen selected from among the prisoners themselves".

The report does not explain whether the request for British POW labour at Auschwitz was ever fulfilled. It was, of course,

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contrary to the Geneva Convention that any prisoner of war should be used to work for their captors, although the Germans ruthlessly exploited Russian, French and other PoWs to man their factories.

Tales of British involvement are rare, and this revelation adds an intriguing footnote to the controversy surrounding British knowledge of Hitler's Final Solution for the Jews.

Churchill clearly knew of the existence of the Auschwitz camp in July 1942. But there is nothing in the documents to suggest that he knew that it was one of the main complexes used by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews, or that British PoWs were involved.

The documents do confirm, however, that Churchill knew of the appalling death toll at Auschwitz as early as August 1942. Intercepted SS reports show that Britain had learnt that more than 8,000 men and women had died in one month alone.

Those reports also spoke of an outbreak of typhus so devastating that Auschwitz was unable to provide 1,000 prisoners to help to build the Danube railway.

According to Martin Gilbert's book, *Churchill: A Life*, news of the "mass murder in specially designed gas chambers of more than two and a half million Jews at Auschwitz, which had hitherto been identified only as a slave-labour camp", did not reach London until July 1944.

In that month, it became clear that more than half a million Hungarian Jews were in the process of being transported to their deaths. When Dr Chaim Weizmann appealed to Anthony Eden to bomb the railway lines servicing Auschwitz, Eden passed on the appeal to Churchill, who minuted: "Get anything out of the Air Force you can, and invoke me if necessary."

Dr Weizmann also asked for the strongest possible public protest about the affair, and Churchill responded by saying: "I am entirely in accord with the biggest outcry possible."

Extensive press coverage and radio broadcasts from the BBC in London to the Hungarian railway workers warned them that they would be branded as war criminals if they continued to assist the mass deportations. The Hungarian government was forced to halt the exodus, and more than 100,000 Jews were saved.

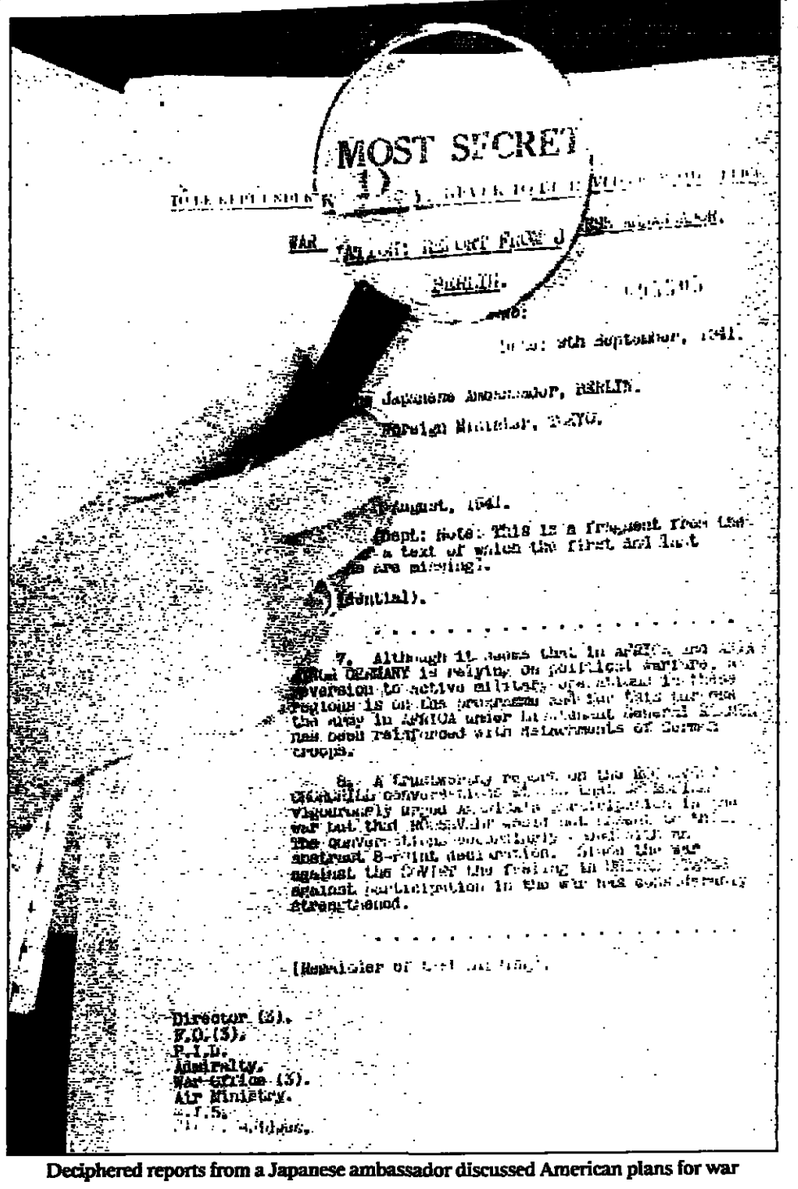
Churchill later said that the Nazis' attempt to exterminate the Jews was "probably the greatest and most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world, and it has been done by scientific machinery by normally civilised men in the name of the state and one of the leading races of Europe.

"It is quite clear that all concerned in this crime who may fall into our hands, including the people who only obeyed orders by carrying out the butcheries, should be put to death after their association with the murders has been proved," he said.

The new documents do not undermine the orthodox view that Churchill did not learn about the Final Solution until late in the war. These intelligence reports will, however, fuel speculation about the exact extent of his knowledge of conditions in the camps.

It has long been alleged by revisionist historians that the prime minister fought a losing battle with the War Office, which was opposed to the bombing of the supply lines serving the camps in the east of Europe on the ground that they drew resources away from the main theatre of battle.

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Deciphered reports from a Japanese ambassador discussed American plans for war

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy dies trapped in pub fire

A four-year-old boy who died in a fire yesterday at a pub in Ludlow, Shropshire, was thought by fire officers to have started it himself.

Two men wrapped wet towels round their heads to try to save David Bromley, who was trapped in a bedroom on the first floor of the Raven Inn, but were driven back.

David's brother Michael, 7, and his mother Megan Bromley managed to escape and were treated for smoke inhalation and slight burns.

Drug siege

An ambulance crew who answered an emergency call to a suspected drug overdose in Brighton, East Sussex, were confronted by a man with a gun. Police arrested a man after a three-hour siege.

£1m donation

A mystery benefactor has given £1 million towards the cost of a pioneering Alzheimer's disease research centre in Cambridge. The Alzheimer's Research Trust is trying to raise £7 million.

Painting home

The Wordsworth Trust raised enough money to bring home from America "Peele Castle in a Storm", a painting by George Beaumont that inspired the poet, and other literary items.

Double death

Wallace Cheek, 83, died after a fire at his home at Newport, Isle of Wight, four days after his wife Elsie, 79, died from the effects of a fall into their open fire.

PC found

PC Ian Doole, 32, is in hospital in Blackpool, Lancashire, after vanishing from Airdrie, Strathclyde, on Monday. He was spotted in Lytham St Anne's.

Player charged

Malcolm Allen, 26-year-old Newcastle United and Wales footballer, has been charged with drink-driving after being breathalysed on Tyneside.

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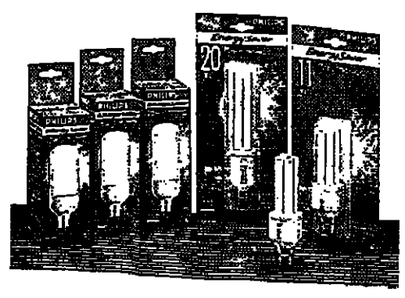


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Why Tokyo feared the irresistible force building in America

By Matthew d'Ancona

JAPAN was convinced by the autumn of 1941 that America's *mighty arms industry was* driving President Roosevelt towards an inevitable declaration of war, according to top secret British intelligence reports released yesterday.

In a fatalistic communiqué sent to Tokyo on September 12 and intercepted by Churchill's codebreakers at Bletchley, the Japanese ambassador to Washington warned his masters that Roosevelt's apparently lukewarm approach to war was misleading.

The president's most recent remarks were "a clenched fist in a silken glove ... One can *reasonably consider this as* virtual declaration of war on the seas (in the air, on the sea-surface, and under the sea)".

Roosevelt, the ambassador said, undoubtedly feared the "lack of unanimity of American public opinion" on joining the conflict. But the nation was "*heading straight for war*" because of its growing economic dependence upon the "productive and financial machinery" of warfare. Long before President Eisenhower made his famous claim that the military-industrial complex was becoming too powerful, America's greatest foe believed that the weapons industry was dictating its foreign policy.

> 'For Italy to wheel about and go on to the side of Britain and the United States would be tantamount to her military and political suicide'

The newly disclosed papers do not strengthen the conspiracy theory that Churchill had advance warning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Nonetheless, this particular intelligence briefing shows that the prime minister knew well of Japan's belief that war with the US was inevitable almost three months before its attack on Hawaii.

Earlier Japanese diplomatic messages intercepted and decrypted *by the Government* Code and Cypher School had been far more sceptical about America's willingness to take part in the conflict. One communiqué to Tokyo dated September 9, 1941, had claimed that the "feeling in the United States against war has considerably strengthened" and that *the alliance between Roosevelt* and Churchill was flimsy.

JAPANESE VIEW

The Churchill intelligence archive also provides fresh insights into the private fears of the Japanese ruling élite during the war and their *suspicions of their Axis* partners.

A barely concealed contempt for Mussolini ran through their secret communications. One message sent from the Japanese foreign ministry to the ambassador in Rome on December 2, 1941, specified that its details were "to be kept absolutely secret from the *Italians*".

A report from the Japanese embassy in Rome dated October 22, 1942, warned of Italian wavering and "malicious gossip ... that even if the war is won, the prizes will in the end be grasped by Germany". The Japanese evidently believed that Mussolini might defect to the Allies, with potentially disastrous consequences.

"For Italy to wheel about and go on to the side of Britain and the United States," the report said, "would be tantamount to her military and *political suicide.*" *In a scornful* aside, the ambassador observed: "The Italians, of course, like all Latin races, are prone to grumble, whether things are good or bad."

But Japan also deeply distrusted Hitler. A decoded communiqué from its ambassador to Moscow dated October 10, 1941, expressed the fear that the Soviet forces would eventually escape to the East and take on Japan, which could no longer afford to be "a spectator" to the Russian conflict.

Hitler's actions, the message warned, "frequently are marked by incalculable features. It is therefore impossible to predict when or how he *will play his hand*" (here the message was corrupted and the words represent the decoder's informed guess).

As an insurance policy, the Japanese struggled to keep up good relations with Kremlin. A report from the Japanese ambassador to Moscow in June 1942 reports that a meeting with Molotov "gave cause *for satisfaction*".

Diplomats stationed in Tokyo noted the unease. In a report dated February 28, 1942, the Turkish ambassador reported that "the situation of the Germans is being followed *with great anxiety here*" and that Japanese were starting "to perceive the difficulties of their own situation".

Churchill was fascinated by this intercepted message which he instructed Sir Stuart Menzies, known as "C", to send to Roosevelt.

"Let him know it comes from me," reads his annotation, written in his trademark red ink.

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Hitler's resolve to fight on the Eastern Front was mistrusted by the Japanese



Churchill: knew that Japan expected war

Churchill 'ignored plight of Poles'

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

WINSTON Churchill knew about Stalin's brutal treatment of the Poles six months before the Germans discovered the remains of 4,000 Polish officers in a mass grave at Katyn in March 1943, secret wartime documents released yesterday disclose.

The documents, which were made available for examination at the Public Record Office at Kew under the open government initiative, describe how 24,000 starving Polish children were forcibly kept in Russia.

They tell how the Russians exploited Polish labour to build roads and railways like the slaves who built the Egyptian pyramids.

Intercepts of diplomatic communications from the Turkish ambassador in Tehran in September 1942 suggest that Churchill knew about Stalin's actions and failed to protest to him during his visit to Moscow.

The report is based on extensive conversations with high-ranking Polish officers who felt betrayed by what appeared to be Churchill's lack of concern over the treatment of Poles living in Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory. After describing how Polish officers and diplomatic staff were rounded up by Stalin, the report said that Churchill was asked to protest against this treatment during his conversations with Stalin in Moscow and to try to obtain the release of nearly a million Poles from Russia.

However, Churchill did not even raise the subject, the report said. The report said

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there were seven million Russian political prisoners in Russia and that the roads, railways and industrial installations were built by their forced labour and that of the Poles, "just like the Egyptian pyramids".

Four thousand Polish officers found in Katyn forest near Smolensk had been taken prisoner or deported by the Russians after Germany and Russia "partitioned" Poland in 1939. A German enquiry at the time claimed that they were shot by the Russian NKVD *security police in 1940, and* that the Russians tried to cover up their crime by using captured German ammunition.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Parliamentary chess

LAST week, the all-party parliamentary chess team crossed swords with the Royal Automobile Club at its headquarters in Pall Mall. The Parliamentary side, which included Andrew Bowden MP, Lord Jay and Lord Killearn, went down by three points to two in the first round but staged a tremendous recovery *to win by four points to one in* the second sitting.

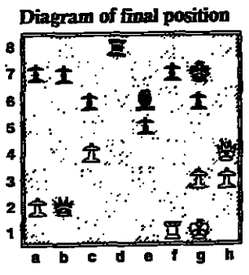
There is a time-honoured tradition of strong chess in Parliament. In 1851, Marmaduke Wyvill MP came second to Adolf Anderssen in the first ever *international* chess tournament in London. Wyvill finished ahead of such luminaries as Staunton, Elijah Williams, Horwitz, Bird, Szen and Kieseritzky.

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11	Qd2	c6
12	Nxf6+	exf6
13	Bxh6	Qd4
14	Bg4	Bxh6
15	Qxh6	Qxd3
16	Be2	Qxe4
17	f4	Rad8
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20	bxe5	bxe5
21	Re4	Rd4
22	Rh4	Rdh4
23	Qxh4	Kg7
24	g3	White resigns

Diagram of final position



Readers' queries

I have been swamped with letters and queries from *Times* readers. I will endeavour to answer queries of a general nature both in this column and in *The Times Saturday* magazine. Readers, however, who require an individual response are kindly requested to show patience while I work through the mail mountain.

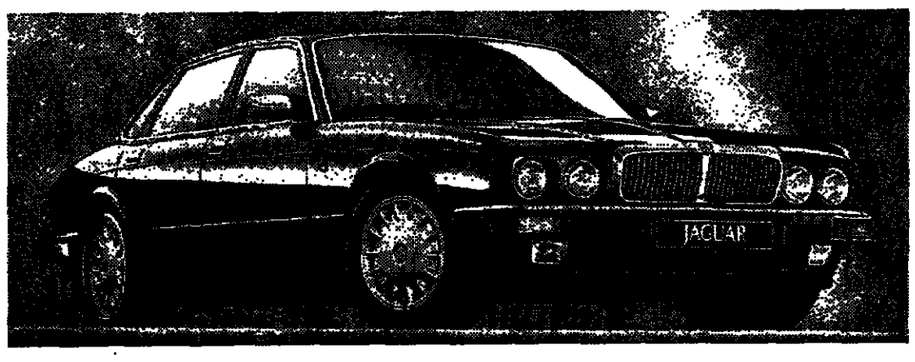
Readers' games

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Widow tells trial of gun attack

'My husband's murderer yelled an Irish battle cry'

BY A STAFF REPORTER



Dillon-Lee: murdered by IRA gunman

THE widow of a British army major shot dead by IRA terrorists in Germany more than three years ago yesterday recalled "a triumphant Irish battle cry" as her husband was murdered in a hail of bullets.

"It was a triumphant kind of a cry. I did not understand the words. It is difficult for me now to remember the detail but it was Irish," Rosalind Dillon-Lee told a top security trial in Dusseldorf.

She travelled from her home in Bournemouth to take the witness stand at the trial of three suspected IRA terrorists, Donna Maguire, Paul Hughes and Sean Hick.

Mrs Dillon-Lee recalled the night of June 1, 1990, when she and her husband, Major Michael Dillon-Lee, in dinner jacket and evening dress, had been to a mess party.

Major Dillon-Lee was 35 and battery commander of the 32nd Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery stationed in Dortmund. The couple had just arrived home at an army barracks when the terrorists struck. The major died in a hail of bullets seconds after stepping out of his Volvo.

Mrs Dillon-Lee said she had brief eye contact with the killer before he leapt into a waiting car and sped off.

The talk at the time in army circles was of a revival of IRA terrorism because of the murders in Roermond, Holland, five days earlier of two Australian tourists mistaken for British soldiers.

Although her husband was afraid after the Roermond killings, he took no special precautions, his widow recalled.

"I think everybody in the military community was aware that there was a risk," she said.

The Dutch attack was forgotten amid the fun of the party until Mrs Dillon-Lee heard the squeal of a car's brakes.

There was a shout as her husband got out of the car. "I don't know what shout it was. I can remember it sounded like somebody who was very tense. As if they were stressed, nervous or excited. But it was not a warning." Before there was time to react, she heard five or six shots and saw a man holding a gun with two hands to the right side of his body.

"It looked like a Kalashnikov. It was a large gun. A machinegun. It did not have a long barrel like a rifle and it was not a pistol." The killer was not very tall, but stocky.

"When we had eye contact the eyes seemed about the same level as mine. He was wearing a balaclava with the eyeholes cut out. And dark clothes, something like the uniform a soldier wears."

Mrs Dillon-Lee was already out of the car and reaching in the back seat for her handbag when the gunman struck.

She said he never threatened her "except by pointing his gun at me". He said nothing, but they made eye contact about a car's length apart before he fled in the getaway car.

In a statement after the killing, Mrs Dillon-Lee said the gunman leant out of the back of the car and shouted. It was a "battle cry".

Her statement said: "I am sure that the slogan was from Ireland and was shouted by an Irish person. It consisted of three or four words. I recognised the dialect." Confirming that impression to the judge yesterday, she added: "I did not understand the words, but it was a triumphant kind of cry."

Mrs Dillon-Lee was then shown a photograph of a car which, she said, could have been the one the gunman used. She had seen at least two people inside.

She glanced briefly at the three accused as she walked back to her seat. Miss Maguire, 27, sat relaxed during the evidence, smiling and chatting with her lawyer. Mr Hughes, 29, and Mr Hick, 32, talked briefly while Mrs Dillon-Lee's words were translated into German for the judge.

Miss Maguire and Mr Hughes, both from Newry, Co Down, and Mr Hick, from Glenageary, Co Dublin, have already been cleared by a Dutch court of the Roermond killings. But they were extradited to Germany to stand trial for Major Dillon-Lee's murder, the attempted murder of a policeman, and the attempted murder of a civilian guard at a failed bombing on a British army barracks at Langenhagen in May 1990. They deny all the charges.

The three, who deny being IRA members, have been accused of being part of an IRA gang that began operating on the Continent in the spring of 1990.

Mrs Dillon-Lee, who has children aged 10 and 12, is doing a university course and has settled in Bournemouth. The trial is expected to last until next April.



Capt Alan Phillips will be taking HMS *Endurance* into waters where no Royal Naval vessel has gone before

Scientists sail to solve weather mysteries

BY NICK NUTTALL AND JOHN SHAW

TWO British ships are about to set sail for uncharted waters in Antarctica on a mission to unravel climatic mysteries that date back 2,000 years.

RRS *Bransfield* and HMS *Endurance* are supporting an expedition of British, German and Russian scientists who plan to drill deep into the ice on Berkner Island, which lies at the southern edge of the continent's Weddell Sea.

Another team in the nearby Shackleton mountains will try to explain the formation of the unusual geology. Dr Mike Thomson, head of the British Antarctic Survey's geoscience division, said yesterday that the range was a "geological enigma".

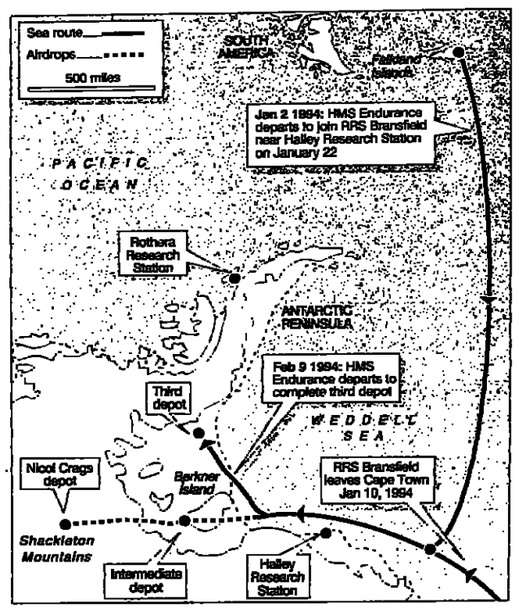
One theory is that the range could once have been attached to Texas in North America. "The rocks in Texas and the area of the Shackleton Range have a similar kind of structure," said Dr Thomson.

The drilling part of the expedition will collect ice cores, 200-300m deep, which carry chemical clues about the world's climate during the past two millenniums.

Dr David Peel, the survey's glaciologist, said that Europe suffered "a little ice age between 1600 and 1850", when temperatures were on average one degree centigrade cooler.

The cores will also illuminate a period between 1100 and 1300 when temperatures were, on average, up to one degree warmer than today. The scientists hope to unravel some of the reasons for these abnormal temperatures.

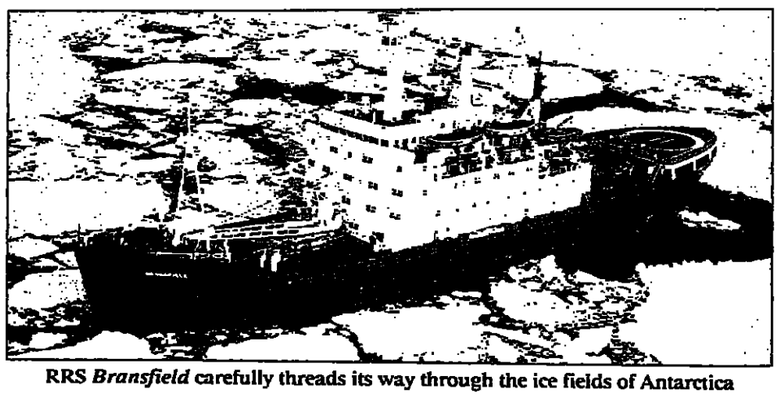
HMS *Endurance* sails from Portsmouth on Monday and will rendezvous with RRS *Bransfield* on January 22 in the Weddell Sea area. They will then sail through sea ice in a space left by a giant iceberg called A24.



It broke free of the Filchner Ice Shelf and moved northwards in 1990 and the now open passage will allow the ships to reach a previously inaccessible part of the sea.

After airlifting supplies onto Berkner Island, *Endurance* will sail to a third drop-off point, while *Bransfield* goes to the Halley research station. Capt Alan Phillips, commander of *Endurance*, said the vessel "will be going further south than any other ship with the white ensign has gone before".

Among the 120 crew, which includes 14 women for the first time on *Endurance*, is Lt Cdr Chris Gardener, a former submariner. He visited the North Pole in 1991 on HMS *Tireless* and played cricket on the packed ice. He now hopes to reach further south and north than any other serving member of the Royal Navy.



RRS *Bransfield* carefully threads its way through the ice fields of Antarctica

Greedy fly founders on fungus

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS are turning to nature to keep Britain free of a new strain of fly that is a serious threat to horticulture and agriculture.

They have found that a type of fungus can kill the tiny tropical tobacco white fly, *Bemisia tabaci*, which has developed an immunity to most pesticides. It can transmit up to 60 crop-destroying viruses and live on 500 species of plants, though how many it infects is not yet clear.

Two years ago, the fly destroyed cotton and vegetables in the United States worth £350 million and devastated melon crops in Yemen.

Fortunately, the fly cannot survive long outside a glasshouse in Britain, but it poses a serious threat to horticulture because of the ease with which it can be imported on poinsettia, gypsophila and other ornamental plants.

Entomologists at Horticulture Research International in Littlehampton, West Sussex, have found that a fungus called *Verticillium lecanii* is effective against the insect. It can be mixed with nutrients and sprayed on plants.

MP urges public to save 'monstrosity'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A REARGUARD action has been launched to save from demolition the concrete cast of a house in east London that won the Turner Prize for contemporary art this week.

An emergency meeting of Tower Hamlets council decreed, on the same night that Rachel Whiteread won the prize, that the cast should be knocked down next week.

But Mildred Gordon, the local Labour MP, has attacked the decision and demanded a referendum in the borough on the future of Whiteread's *House*. "The art world has been shocked by the council's decision. Some people think it is just a lump of concrete. Others find it very moving," said Ms Gordon, MP for Bow and Poplar.

A decision by Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, to list a tower block in nearby Bethnal Green in the same week may have sealed the fate of the work. The Liberal-controlled council was enraged by the order to protect the near-derelict Keeling House, which it estimates will cost £8 million to restore.

Eric Flounders, the Liberal councillor who used a casting vote at the emergency meeting, declared that he wanted *House* — "a monstrosity" — removed as soon as possible. But Ms Gordon insisted that the work in Mile End Park should have a second chance.

"If it is a truly great work of art then a park setting would be a suitable place for it to remain," she said. "Before forcing the demolition of the house, which many would consider an act of vandalism, the council should carry out a consultation exercise. They should find out if local residents consider it a desirable addition to the park or an eyesore. They should also bear in mind the house will attract people to Bow and this might be beneficial to traders."

Ms Gordon's call for a referendum was backed by Beck's beer, which commissioned the £50,000 project to create the interior of a typical East London Victorian terrace house. Anthony Fawcett, of Beck's, said: "*House* has been one of the most ground-breaking works of art that we have been involved in. We would be devastated to see it go so soon."

Beck's was astonished by the council decision. "After all, the councillors agreed it could go there in the first place," Mr Fawcett said.

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Mandela says right will be crushed if it fights for white rule

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ With white rule about to end, Eugene Terre'Blanche has called on supporters to arm themselves. The ANC leader urged all South Africans to defend democracy

WITH the announcement yesterday that 350 years of white rule in South Africa is likely to end next week, there came a volley of warnings about the imminence of civil war.

Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the far-right Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), declared in Port Elizabeth that war was inevitable, and urged his followers: "Arm your women. Steal guns if you must. We will make your women soldiers in the name of God and for the freedom of our fatherland."

Yesterday Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, riposted that the country's "democratic forces" would crush the ultra-right wing if it tried to start a civil war, and Afrikaner Volksfront leaders would have to take responsibility for shedding their people's blood.

"The African National Congress is aware that certain sectors of the ultra-right wing are preparing for war. They have already stockpiled considerable quantities of arms in certain rural areas," Mr Mandela told a crowd of 600 at the recently dedicated Chris Hani memorial hall at Crown Mines near Johannesburg.

Mr Mandela, who is making an election tour of the commercial and industrial heartland around Johannesburg and Pretoria, said nowhere in the world would a government allow a certain section of the population to smuggle weapons into the country. "It is evident that the National Party government is a lame-duck government and entirely incapable of dealing with this threat."

He spoke of the possibility of civil war breaking out just as a new South Africa was about to be born, and said: "The ANC calls on all democrats, black and white, to join hands and to work together to isolate all of those who want to foster racial hatred and violence. Blacks and whites without exception must stand together ... and stop what is likely to be the greatest disaster in our country."

Craig Kotze, the spokesman for Hernus Kriel, the minister of law and order, said police were investigating whether Mr Terre'Blanche's comments could be construed as criminal incitement. "We are opening a docket relating to alleged incitement to commit a crime," he said.

The imminent end to exclusive white rule was forecast yesterday when delegates to the multi-party constitutional negotiations at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park, near Johannesburg, requested the government to gazette the Transitional Executive Council Act, which was passed by the last session of parliament in September. This will bring the council into operation, and with it the first transfer of executive power to black hands.

The council and its sub-councils will oversee the work of various ministries with the aim of ensuring a level playing field for the general election to be held next April.

Despite all the war talk, developments in the negotiating rooms continue to give reason for hope. The government is awaiting an answer to a series of proposals which were put to the Freedom Alliance of white right-wingers and conservative black homeland leaders at the beginning of the week. They reportedly deal with the powers that provincial governments will have under the interim constitution. Signals from the alliance's executive indicate that it has accepted the "framework" of Pretoria's proposals, if not the detail.

Marriage vow unites political enemies

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK



James Carville and Mary Matalin following a jazz band down a New Orleans street after their wedding

THIS was the wedding every Washington pundit has been waiting for: Romeo ties the knot with Juliet, chalk makes his vows to cheese, Republican walks the aisle with Democrat.

On Thanksgiving night James Carville, Bill Clinton's outspoken campaign manager, and Mary Matalin, his rival strategist in the George Bush campaign, finally got hitched in New Orleans.

About 150 guests, from both sides of the political divide and Hollywood, attended the ceremony on Thursday and then accompanied the most unlikely couple in American politics through the city's French quarter in a jazz parade.

The closely-monitored Carville-Matalin romance was one of the more bizarre sub-plots of the 1992 presidential campaign. While both partners have insisted that their professional behaviour was unaffected by personal feelings, the couple's pillow-talk prompted the most heated speculation, which they did little to suppress.

Ms Matalin, who once accused the Clinton camp of trying to "fend off bimbo eruptions" during the Gennifer Flowers scandal, even admitted as the campaign and love affair continued in tandem: "There are days when I pick up the paper and I want to rip his face off." Mr Carville, born in Louisiana, whose eccentricities and splenetic outbursts earned him the nickname "The Ragin' Cajun", paid tribute to his new wife's equally uncompromising, shoot-from-the-hip style: "I hope I'm allowed to keep my own name," he said during his wedding speech.

Ms Matalin, 40, has been married twice before. Mr Carville, 49, sported a tuxedo and an expression similar to the one he wore on election night for this, his first time at the altar.

The wedding became a most public affair with such notables as talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, actor Timothy Hutton and Zell Miller, the Georgia governor, crowding into a hotel in Bourbon Street to celebrate the occasion. "It's unusual, it's hard to believe, it's hard to understand, but it works," said George Stephanopoulos, another architect of the Clinton victory and guest at the wedding. The couple spent much of the summer on America's lucrative lecture circuit, and a jointly-written book about the 1992 election will be published next year. A Hollywood film about their relationship, titled *Speechless*, is in the pipeline.

Daughter of the Empire takes arms against Britain

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Elizabeth Furse is the sole member of the United States Congress born under the Union Jack, but her present interest in Britain will hardly please the government in London.

Angered by what she sees as Britain's obstruction of American attempts to promote global nuclear non-proliferation, Ms Furse wants to expose the full extent of past and present American support for Britain's nuclear deterrent and so turn public opinion. As a member of the House armed services committee, the Oregon Democrat is pushing for public hearings on the highly secret nuclear alliance between the two countries.

Earlier this month she disclosed that there were "over 40 joint working groups with the British on nuclear weapons". This week she promised numerous further revelations about the "tremendous" amount of money and information Washington has given the British nuclear programme. In a recent congressional statement, she said: "I do not want to have to face up to a failed nuclear proliferation policy and find our closest ally tripped us up."

Ms Furse, 57, is the granddaughter of Dame Katherine Furse, founder of the Wrens. Her father was a lieutenant commander in the Royal Navy who became a coffee planter in Kenya, a British colony at the time, and she was born there.

The family moved to South Africa, where she became an anti-apartheid activist. In 1955 she went to London to live and married an American doctor. They settled in Los Angeles in 1958. Ms Furse began working with women's groups, downtrodden American Indians and the United Farm Workers' Union. In 1985 she moved to Portland and founded the Oregon Peace Institute which preaches the non-violent resolution of conflict.

Ms Furse said various members of the British nuclear disarmament movement had approached her since she was elected to Congress last year, and had led her to believe that John Major was merely paying lip service to America's goal of achieving a global Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) treaty that would discourage nuclear proliferation.

She claimed that, at a time when America was helping Britain "expand" its nuclear arsenal with Trident missiles, the prime minister had opposed extending a moratorium on British and American nuclear testing in Nevada, did not support a deadline for achieving a CTB treaty, and had not joined other world leaders in trying to dissuade China from conducting a nuclear test that last month broke a year-long worldwide moratorium.

She went on: "We feed the British nuclear weapons complex, and right now they are biting the hand that feeds them." She went on to say that there had to be full openness on nuclear issues. "It's a tragic irony that I, as a member of Congress and the armed services committee, can be better informed on UK defence matters than a British citizen or member of Parliament," she said.

On behalf of the United States Government, the Mayor of Honolulu in Hawaii awarded

The Supreme Master Ching Hai

with the World Peace Award, and the Honorary Citizenship and bronze statue.

He also announced October 25th to be

"The Day of the Supreme Master Ching Hai"



● Mayor Fasi of Honolulu presented to the Supreme Master Ching Hai Her own bronze statue, which will be erected permanently at a public place in Honolulu, to be venerated by people.



● Mayor Frank F. Fasi of Honolulu awarded the Honorary Certificate of "Honorary Citizen" to the Supreme Master Ching Hai.

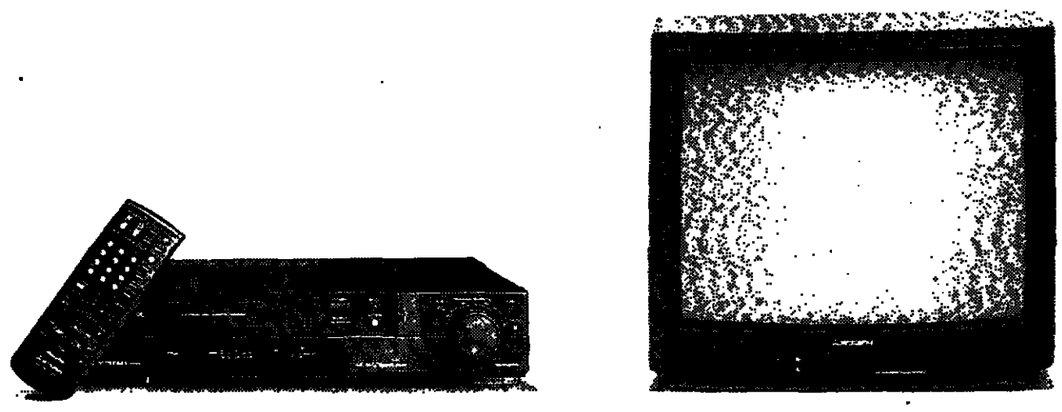
In the speech of Mayor Fasi of Honolulu during the ceremony, he praised the Supreme Master Ching Hai and Her absolutely selfless objective in saving and benefitting all sentient beings. Spreading seeds for the world's peace everywhere, She would inevitably become a mainstay of the international society. Mayor Fasi expressed that the Supreme Master Ching Hai is a real saint. Should people of the world be all like Her, there would definitely be peace on earth, and no more wars and calamities.

Mr. Chen Hung Kwang, Chief Secretary of the World Cultural Communication Association also spoke in the party. He praised the Supreme Master Ching Hai for Her Life long struggle bringing peace to the world, and Her contribution in saving sentient beings by introducing Truth to them. He greatly commended and admired the selfless way of the Supreme Master Ching Hai in preaching the Quan Yin Method to everyone, so they can begin with recognizing themselves, and then benefitting their families and society, thus evevating the virtuous force of the world and creating universal harmony.

After the ceremony, guests and reporters from all over the world all agreed that it was a very rare and unique evening party. There had never been a single person, much less for a Vietnamese lady, to own so many honors simultaneously. Nor had they heard of any living person who was honoured with a memorial day, and with Her personal bronze statue erected in public place to be revered by people from all parts of the world. There are also laisons who can offer more information about The Supreme Master Ching Hai and Quan Yin Method. Tel: Mr Tang 0342 842202, Mr Loh 0865 513494, Mr Liu 0235 446376.

Reported by Robert in Oxford

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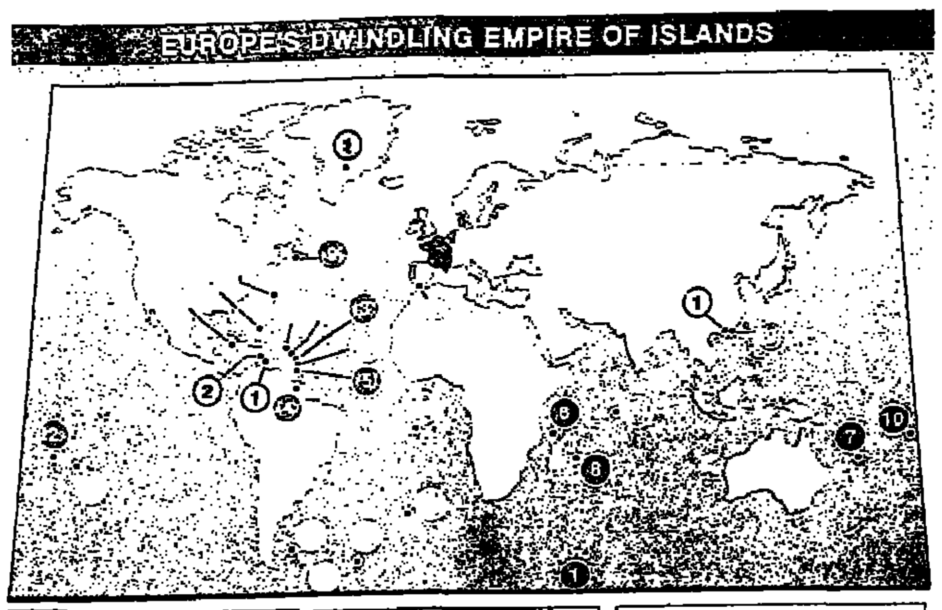
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Territories in the pink cling to rewards of dependence



By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

THE sun has long set on the British Empire, but little dots of pink remain on the world map: islands and enclaves scattered across the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Caribbean where *British rule still holds sway. This* week representatives of Britain's 15 remaining colonies, known as dependent territories, gathered in London to assure themselves of continued support and aid, forge informal links and compare their situation with that of France's pampered overseas departments and territories.

Excluding Hong Kong, where there is no alternative to colonial status until the return of sovereignty to China, British dependent territories have a combined population of no more than 150,000. Some — the South Sandwich islands, the British Indian Ocean Territory — are uninhabited. Pitcairn has only 58 souls, the descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers, and Tristan da Cunha, the volcanic dependency of St Helena in the South Atlantic briefly evacuated to Scotland after an eruption, no more than 350. Larger dependencies such as the British Virgin Islands have 13,000 people and Bermuda has more than 60,000.

For none, however, is independence a viable option. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, reassured the dependencies that even the United Nations Committee of 24 — the committee to implement decolonisation resolutions — was no longer pressing for British evacuation. "The rhetoric which used to deafen the ears of those of us who went to the UN is now passed into *history*."

Each territory is a special case: several face claims from powerful neighbours, such as the Falklands and Gibraltar, and are ever anxious less Britain should negotiate a change in sovereignty against the inhabitants' wishes. Others, especially those in the Caribbean, are in danger of destabilisation from powerful drug interests. Britain has had occasionally to take tough action to dismiss corrupt officials, even arresting the prime minister of the Turks and Caicos Islands in 1985 on cocaine-smuggling charges. Some face pressure from refugees, especially Hong Kong. Even attitudes to dependency differ: Anguilla returned to colonial status after rejecting independence in combination with St Kitts, while in Bermuda there is a lively independence movement.

France, the only other significant colonial power, has far larger dependencies, with a total population of two million and a birth rate four times that of mainland France. Unlike British territories, French possessions are considered part of metropolitan France and all inhabitants are citizens with the rights and social security entitlements of France. Spending on them far exceeds that of Britain, and is set by regular "contracts" between Paris and individual territories. For *three territories in* the South Pacific and the tiny islands of Mayotte and St Pierre off the Canadian coast the spending will be 4 billion francs (nearly £500 million) over five years.

A Quai d'Orsay official told the conference that France aimed to integrate its territories geographically and culturally with their neighbours, but encouraged investment from France. Like Britain, France is committed to the physical defence of its possessions, and neighbouring instability, as in Surinam, next to French Guiana, has become a growing concern. By contrast, Britain and The Netherlands encourage what Mr Hurd called "qualified nationhood". He said Britain sought "equal partnership" with its dependencies — as much self-government as possible, with only defence and foreign relations handled by Britain. This has nevertheless led to some friction: the Falklands representatives expressed concern that they were being pushed into giving too much leeway to Argentina on fishing and oil exploration, and Joe Bassano, the Gibraltar leader, said Gibraltarians were bitter at Britain's failure to protect them.

The problem for Britain, as the conference made clear, is that it will still face predatory claims for its far-flung territories, even those such as the Falklands where 97 per cent of the population — just over 2,000 — are of British origin. *The problem for* France is a long-term contradiction between the overseas departments being considered as French soil and the pressures for local integration.

The *temptation* for all tiny territories is to exploit their loophole status, either as tax havens or off-shore banking centres such as the Cayman Islands, where banking is worth more than $427 billion a year, the fifth largest in the world. There are, however, real dangers in attracting drug money and dubious international companies.

Tourism is the obvious answer for some: the British Virgin Islands have an annual income of nearly $10,000 per head, higher than Greece, Portugal or Puerto Rico. But several speakers noted the danger of too large an influx into their small and environmentally unspoiled islands.

These isolated communities will remain as dots on the map attached to European powers. And most realise they have an enviable status.

Balladur plays risky domestic card with hint of Gatt accord

From Charles Bremner
in Paris

■ The softening American line on Gatt has led Paris to talk of a deal. Yet Edouard Balladur's strategy to push through an agreement could lead to a government split

FRESH evidence emerged yesterday that, after months of *hostile rhetoric*, France *is* edging towards acceptance of a new Gatt trade accord, but a decision to submit any draft pact to parliament could backfire on Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist *prime* minister.

A sign of a possible breakthrough came from Jean Puech, the agriculture minister, who said America was at last heeding the French-led European demands for a revision of the Blair House accord on farm trade, the main sticking point in the talks.

"*After two months of silence* from the United States, we are finally beginning to talk about these questions," he said in a newspaper interview. The Americans were indicating that they might accept a French demand for exempting the EC's grain stocks from limits to subsidised exports in the trade deal.

M Puech's remarks were published after M Balladur played a fresh French card in the long war of nerves over the Gatt, calling a parliamentary debate on any draft ahead of the December 15 deadline. According to France, this means that the EC and the United States must come up with a deal before next Thursday's ministerial meeting in Brussels.

In Geneva, Peter Sutherland, the chief of the Gatt organisation, said yesterday a final package must be presented by December 13 so all signatory states could have time to consider it. Although 116 nations are involved in the Gatt round, the complex task of closing the multi-faceted free trade arrangement has been held hostage in recent weeks to the quarrel between France and the United States mainly over farm trade and "audiovisual" or cultural products.

On Thursday, Britain appeared to have won German help in increasing EC pressure on France to step into line, but French officials said they expected Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to give his country's ties with Paris the highest priority.

M Balladur's decision to call a parliamentary debate can be seen as a shrewd political move to prepare the ground for accepting an accord which has been depicted for a year by politicians on all sides as an American-inspired assault on French interests and identity. Ministers were still confused yesterday over whether M Balladur would call for a vote, which would amount to a test of confidence in his government. Such a step, considered highly likely, would force a recalcitrant majority in M Balladur's own Gaullist party to step into line and share responsibility for approving a pact. In M Balladur's own political terms, its main purpose would be to force Jacques Chirac, the party leader and his rival for the presidency, to declare his hand. M Chirac, an advocate of the farmers' lobby, has been striking a nationalist stance, speaking against American cultural and trade aggression.

Given the emotions, diplomats believe *it is conceivable* that the whole edifice could be brought down if deputies from the Gaullist and centre-right parties decided to vote against the government in the name of French national pride.

A wild card in the game is the possibility of action by President Mitterrand. So far, the Socialist head of state has backed M Balladur's handling of the Gatt affair, but it is considered likely that he would move swiftly to capitalise on any slip by his Gaullist co-leader or to amplify any falling-out between M Balladur and M Chirac. Some commentators believe M Chirac could decide to gamble his presidential future by seizing the mantle of the late General de Gaulle and opposing a pro-Gatt line by his own government in the name of French sovereignty.

Foreign diplomats who are observing the curious way the Gatt endgame has been kidnapped by French politics say they are not convinced that M Balladur will succeed on what they suppose is his strategy of pushing through an agreement. They think, however, the odds are in his favour.

German sport haunted by Stasi

From Roger Boyes
in Bonn



MARC ASPLAND

Katarina Witt's skating skills made her the darling of East Germany, but also victim of the Stasi spy aparatus which included coaches and sports doctors

KATARINA Witt, the Olympic skater, was the darling of the East German state. Even when the Berlin Wall fell, the often outspoken star talked with some regret about the ruined system: "Communism was not all bad."

Yet for most of her East German career, Fräulein Witt was surrounded by the whole *spying aparatus of the Stasi* secret service. The spies even followed her into the bedroom. Digging through Stasi archives for an autobiography, she found a note from an informer: "Subject had sexual relations between 20.00 hrs and 20.07 hrs". Fräulein Witt, who has become a sports commentator and exhibition skater in the West, realises now "that I was caught in the centre of a spider web".

The web that enmeshed Fräulein Witt surrounded *most of East Germany's* sports talent: the communist authorities were deeply suspicious of their style. Since these products of the communist system are now among united Germany's top performers, a frantic moral debate is under way.

Politicians touched by the Stasi can be pushed to one side. Compromised civil servants have been sent into early retirement, informers from the East German literary scene are cold-shouldered by publishers.

But what is one to make of Franziska van Almsick, the 15-year-old swimmer who was chosen yesterday as Germany's sportswoman of the year? Fräulein van Almsick, a world record-holder and six times European champion, comes from east Berlin and her mother used to hold the rank of police major. Stasi records show that Frau van Almsick, whose official job was sports teacher, spied on the sporting milieu from 1981 and even after the Berlin Wall came down in 1989.

Fräulein van Almsick plainly cannot be blamed for her mother's secret career and it is not even clear whether anyone was harmed by the spying. But the question remains: should not some reckoning be made with East Germany's sporting past? The problem centres not so much on punishment as on understanding the past. High-level sport in East Germany was defined as a form of foreign policy, an ideological weapon against the West. All the senior sporting jobs were political appointments and were vulnerable to party intrigue.

Often the Stasi offered burnt-out athletes coaching jobs in return for information. Sports doctors were particularly favoured targets for the Stasi, partly because they were required to administer performance-enhancing drugs, but also because they were usually aware of intimate physical detail about the athletes.

The temptation of the German sports establishment is to vilify trainers and doctors who violated the trust of the athletes and to treat athletes as mere victims. But the distinction is not an easy one to draw. Germany's sports officials prefer to do nothing: to separate the innocent is too complex a task.

Kurdish radicals outlawed by Bonn

By Roger Boyes

GERMANY yesterday banned the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), the radical left-wing Kurdish group, which recently launched fire-bomb attacks on Turkish embassies and offices throughout Europe, including London. Thirty-five associated groups were also outlawed.

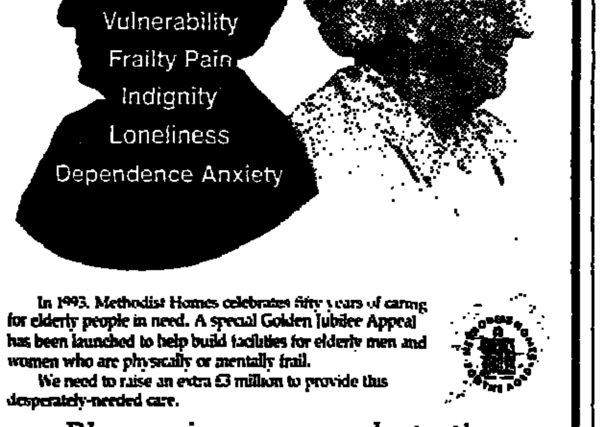
More than 2,000 police in almost 30 German cities raided offices, flats and meeting rooms used by the PKK, seizing the contents of post office boxes and bank accounts. The German authorities feared that militant Kurds were preparing some form of co-ordinated violence for today to mark the anniversary of the founding of the party. Other countries are expected to follow the German example. Switzerland, where Kurds tried to storm the Turkish embassy in June, will consider a ban on Monday.

Turkey last night welcomed the ban, but Pro Asyl, the human rights group, said it feared the crackdown would lead to harassment and sweeping expulsions of Kurdish refugees from Germany. The Paris-based Kurdistan Committee said Germany and German interests would face an angry reaction.

There are 330,000 Kurds in Germany and about 1,900 are active members of the PKK. Kurdish spokesmen issued a warning that innocent people would be picked up in the police raids and would be expelled to Turkey if they carried Turkish passports. Once back in Turkey, according to the still legal Association of Kurdistan, those expelled could be faced "with *liquidation* through the state institution".

☐ **Istanbul**: Turkish soldiers were reported to have killed eight rebel Kurds, including five PKK members, in clashes in three provinces in southeast Turkey. *(Reuter)*

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Uproar in Nice as Uruguay police seize fugitive mayor

By Charles Bremner

Political fever seized the Côte d'Azur yesterday after police in Uruguay arrested Jacques Médecin, the long-serving mayor and potentate of Nice who absconded in 1990 a step ahead of the law. He has spent the past three years in luxurious exile mocking talk of extradition.

Even the most ardent prosecutors had believed nothing would come of the latest in a series of requests for him to be sent back to face a one-year prison sentence passed in his absence and investigation for alleged offences committed during his 24-year administration of the Riviera capital. These are said to include corruption involving millions of pounds.

"In Uruguay, they don't just arrest anybody, any old how," Médecin claimed grandly last week, greeting supporters at his villa in Punta del Este, the River Plate's answer to St Tropez, where he has established a flourishing property and T-shirt business.

Uruguay, he added, was a wonderful country "where they respect the Napoleonic code". As recently as last Wednesday, his son-in-law, a travel agent, was launching package tours from Nice to Uruguay which included "three days of fun with Jacques Médecin".

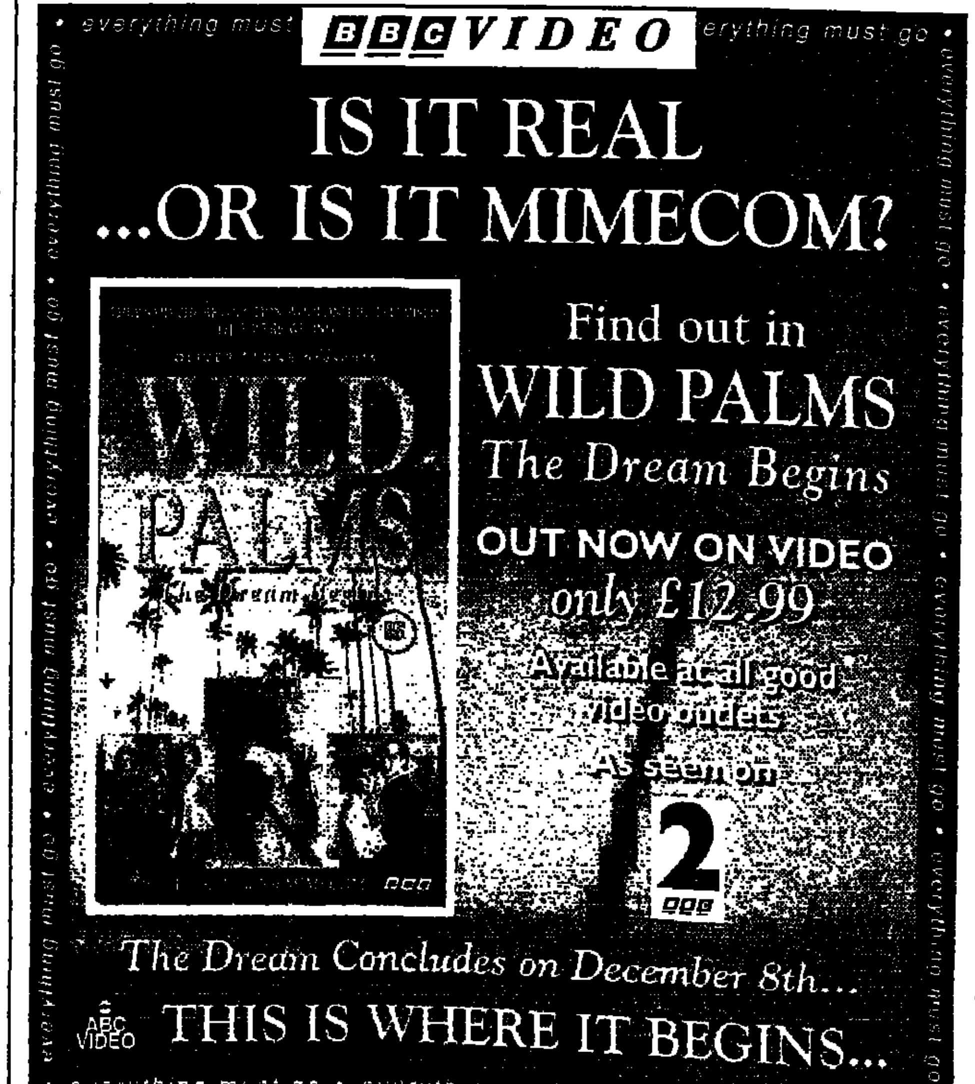
After France's third request earlier this month, President Lacalle of Uruguay was more sympathetic and Médecin was detained by police at his villa on Thursday night, provoking frenzy in the French media. Médecin, the last in a dynasty which ruled Nice for 60 years, is expected to be held in custody while a Uruguayan judge examines the French request for his extradition.

"It is outrageous. Uruguay doesn't even have an extradition treaty with France. I am profoundly saddened," said Geneviève Assemat-Médecin, the former Gaullist mayor's sister, who has helped make sure his long shadow has continued to dominate municipal affairs in his absence.

The people of Nice yesterday disputed the morality and wisdom of locking up "le grand Jacques". A café patron said: "He robbed us blind for years and he deserves everything he gets." This provoked interruption by his neighbour, who said: "Maybe, but he did great things and put Nice on the world map." In this the man was echoing the widespread view that, crook though Médecin may be, he made the city work.

The same argument has been raging ever since the late Graham Greene, a local resident, took on Médecin 12 years ago, publishing the vitriolic *J'Accuse*. Since Médecin's departure, municipal affairs have been paralysed as prosecutors rounded up councillors. Honoré Bailet, Médecin's successor, resigned last month, to be succeeded by Jean-Paul Barety. Médecin has always depicted himself as the "sacrificial victim" of Socialist vengeance.

In Paris, the pundits assumed France's Gaullist government must have put pressure on Uruguay and wondered about the motives, given the scope for mayhem locally if Médecin is brought back in handcuffs. "He will be mobbed by the faithful at Nice airport," said one. The RPR (Gaullist) party excommunicated its Nice branch last summer and has been trying to persuade Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, to step in as a clean party candidate for the *mairie*. The son of a Nice casino manager, M Toubon says he has no intention of complying.



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Israeli police kill second Hamas leader

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ As tension mounts over the Israeli shooting of fundamentalists, Yassir Arafat has warned Yitzhak Rabin there must be no delay in implementing the peace deal

ISRAELI security forces yesterday shot dead a second Palestinian guerrilla leader belonging to the militant Hamas movement, provoking fears of further violence in the occupied territories and delays to the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation peace accord.

Israeli police said that the fundamentalist Muslim group's military commander for the Hebron area of the West Bank was shot and killed in an Arab neighbourhood of Jerusalem after he was surrounded by officers in a Hamas safe house.

"We surrounded the house at night and called on local people to leave their homes," police said. "He fled from the back entrance with a pistol and shot some rounds at us. The police called on him to stop and fired in the air. Then he was shot." The Israeli authorities said that Khaled Zeir, 25, had been responsible for the killing of two Jews and a number of fellow Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel and described his death as "a very substantial gain".



Rabin: says December 13 deadline not a holy date

However, there were fears that the death would provoke renewed violence in the West Bank, similar to the clashes which erupted in the Gaza Strip on Thursday after the killing of another Hamas leader.

After yesterday's shooting, clashes broke out in Hebron between militant Jewish settlers and Palestinian youths. In Jerusalem, paramilitary police stepped up patrols in the Arab half of the city, where 20,000 worshippers congregated at al-Aqsa mosque to hear a preacher denounce the Israel-PLO agreement and insist that peace was not possible "as long as Arabs are murdered and the land sits under occupation".

The latest incident also raised fresh concerns that the Israel-PLO peace agreement, which hit an impasse over key security issues during negotiations in Cairo on Thursday, could be delayed.

On Thursday night Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, hinted that, unless greater progress was made in talks with the PLO, it was possible that the December 13 deadline for the transfer of authority in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho would have to be postponed. "It is better to budget more time and to know that we have finished something over which there are no misunderstandings." Mr Rabin added that December 13 was not "a holy date".

His comments brought a swift reaction from Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, who said during a Scandinavian visit that the only way to halt the violence was for the two sides to keep to their timetable. "The date has been mentioned in the agreement. We have to respect what has been signed. It is up to both sides to implement what was agreed," he said.

Of the violence, he said: "It is very dangerous and very serious. This escalation has to be stopped. The only way to stop it is the quick implementation of the agreements on the ground and not delays." After the second Hamas leader had been killed, Mr Arafat said in Stockholm: "Many of those who have been assassinated in southern Lebanon and Gaza are my near friends and colleagues. It is part of the price we are paying for peace." In spite of his optimism, it is unclear how the PLO and its untested police force would hope to keep the peace in areas under their control, particularly as militants on both sides appear to be flexing their muscles. For instance, Gaza was paralysed for the second straight day yesterday by youths imposing a strike to protest at the killing of the Hamas military commander on Wednesday.

In Jericho, a 20-car convoy of reserve officers in the Israeli army drove through the town in protest against the agreement. In an even more disturbing development, Avraham Toledano, an extremist rabbi, was arrested at Ben Gurion airport, trying to smuggle bomb-making equipment and manuals into the country from America. Mr Arafat had two hours of talks with Carl Bildt, the Swedish prime minister, on the second leg of a four-nation Nordic tour. Newspapers reported Sweden had pledged £100 million in grants to Palestinians over the next five years to bolster the peace pact.



Children push a burning truck tyre into a road in the Gaza Strip during protests over the killing of a Palestinian leader

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baghdad bows to UN arms demand

New York: Iraq yesterday formally accepted long-term monitoring of its weapons potential and said it hoped that the United Nations Security Council would now lift its three-year-old ban on the export of oil. Said al-Sahaf, the Iraqi foreign minister, said in a letter to the council.

Iraq's failure so far to give its formal assent for monitoring its arms potential, has been a key obstacle to lifting sanctions imposed in 1990 in response to Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait.

However, the security council has not yet given Iraq a clean bill of health concerning the destruction of its existing nuclear, chemical, biological and ballistic arsenals and facilities. *(Reuter)*

Envoy seized

Sanaa: Hayes Mahoney, a US diplomat, was seized by unidentified abductors in the Yemeni capital after a British Airways reception, police sources said. No demands have yet been made. *(AP)*

Burundi toll

Nairobi: Paul Munyembari, the Burundi foreign minister, said the death toll in massacres now sweeping the Central African nation may top that of the 1972 upheaval that left 150,000 dead. *(Reuter)*

Belgian protest

Brussels: Belgium's first general strike since 1936 brought the country to a standstill and forced the government to agree to talks with the trade unions on its plans to freeze wages and raise taxes.

Poll timetable

Freetown: Sierra Leone's military government has announced a timetable for the return to democracy which would put an elected civilian government back in power by the end of 1995. *(Reuter)*

Colony talks

Hong Kong: Britain and China began a last-ditch round of talks on the colony's political future with the chief British negotiator saying a "wide gap" separates the two sides.

Jerusalem lays vexed problem to rest

BY RICHARD BEESTON

WHEN workmen clearing the ground for a new housing project uncovered a mass grave near the stone walls of Jerusalem's Old City, the authorities knew they could expect the worst. Although the 2,000 victims of a Persian massacre had died more than a millennium earlier, the perspective of history is rarely of much help in reducing the intensity of the argument between rival religious faiths in a city that has been fought over for 3,000 years.

After archaeologists confirmed that the burial ground was in a cave amid Byzantine inscriptions, crosses and coins, the Greek Orthodox Church laid claim to the bones. Further investigation by the Israel Antiquities Authority confirmed that there had been a massacre of Christians near the site, beside today's Jaffa Gate, in AD614. The authorities duly promised to return the bones to the Orthodox patriarchate after historians had completed their inspection.

Not to be left out, however, officials at the Atra Kadisha, the ultra-orthodox association for the protection of Jewish graves, insisted that at least some of the skeletons were Jewish and argued, sometimes violently, that they should be reburied in a Jewish cemetery.

In any other country, the ensuing argument might have been brushed aside. In Jerusalem, however, nobody in authority, least of all Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister and religious affairs minister, can take such disputes lightly.

For the first time in the city's modern history, the municipal council is controlled by ultra-orthodox parties while, at national level, Mr Rabin depends on the co-operation of religious parties to keep his coalition government afloat. The Israeli government also has to be seen to be even-handed with the Christian community, particularly since it claims to respect the religious rights of all faiths in the city.

As a result, the compromise solution was executed amid strict secrecy on Wednesday when the bones were reburied by Israeli grave diggers in a forest on neutral ground. "Out of respect to the dead, I decided to move quickly and bury them this week with no priests and no rabbis," said Zeev Rotenberg, director-general of the religious affairs ministry. "I am not saying that everybody was happy but, if it is accepted, then all future disputed graves can be buried here."

Although the compromise appears to be holding, the episode has served to prove that Jerusalem is still the world's only necrocracy, where, in the words of Yehuda Amichai, the Israeli poet, "the vote has been given to the dead".

Jittery Cairo fears militants have infiltrated security net

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

MORE than 100 Islamic militants were arrested in dawn raids on Cairo slum areas yesterday and extra police rushed to guard public buildings and mosques in the wake of Thursday's failed assassination attempt against Atef Sedki, the prime minister.

The narrowness with which he escaped death in Cairo's most heavily guarded suburb has increased fears that members of the security forces have been infiltrated by the militant Muslim group, Jihad.

Security sources said that police were checking the identity of a conscript policeman seriously wounded in the blast who was taken to hospital and found to have no identity papers. Three more of the wounded, including a six-year-old girl in a coma, were reported in critical condition.

The 20lb bomb was the biggest and most sophisticated yet used by the Muslim militants.

Egyptian officials maintain that Iran and Sudan are helping to finance and train the militants, whose 18-month campaign has defied all attempts by the authorities to crush it.

In a sign of the growing mood of anxiety inside the cabinet, which has seen three ministers survive murder attempts in seven months, Cairo's central Tahrir Square, the site of the 18-storey government administrative headquarters, was ringed with police yesterday who moved on cars trying to stop or discharge passengers.

Mr Sedki, who appeared on television to show he was unhurt, called for a review of ministers' security. It is believed he escaped death only because he was in an armour-plated car, not standard issue for cabinet members.

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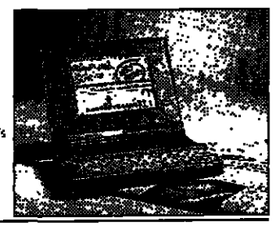
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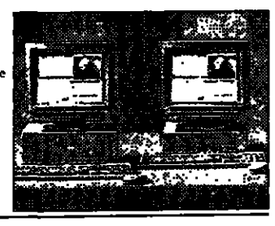
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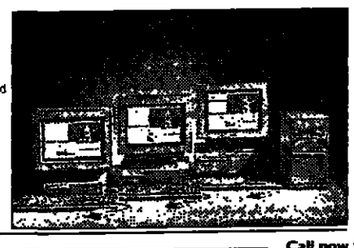
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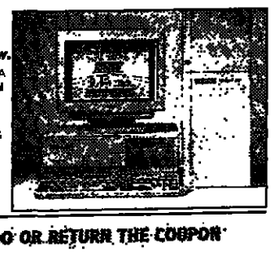
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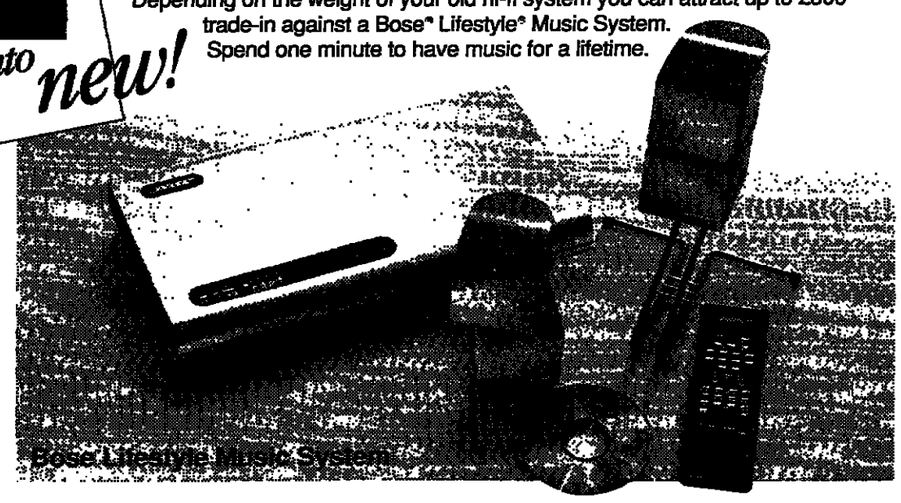
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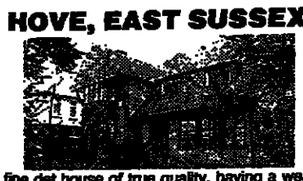


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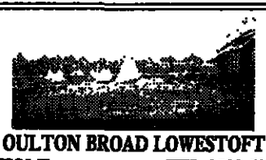


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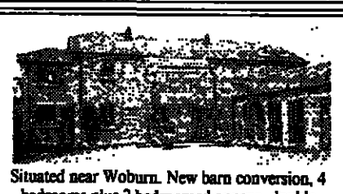
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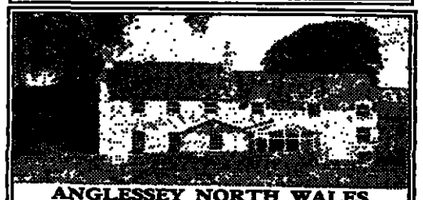


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Bulletproof vests take flak from UK troops in Bosnia

BY MALCOLM BRABANT IN VITEZ AND MICHAEL EVANS

TAPPING his flak jacket, a 20-year-old British private waiting for a convoy to cross a notorious front line said: "It's rubbish — it's nothing more than a heavy body warmer. If I got shot, all it would do is hold my body together until I got to hospital. It wouldn't save me."

This view of the standard flak jacket runs right through the ranks in Bosnia. Because the European Union is threatening to use force there, some officers see as a top priority the need for better bulletproof vests to offer protection against high-velocity sniper rounds fired from the ubiquitous Kalashnikov.

The value of vests containing ceramic plates was demonstrated in central Bosnia last month when a Danish lorry driver was killed in a machinegun attack. Seven Dutch escorts were also struck by bullets, but those hit in the chest were saved by the plates.

Yesterday British soldiers in Vitez watched in envy as their Dutch colleagues climbed into an unarmoured vehicle and headed for their base just up the road. Rudolph Moerkens, a Dutch corporal, said: "It [the jacket] is not very comfortable, but I'd rather be alive and uncomfortable than comfortable and dead."

The standard British vest was designed for conventional clashes between modern armies involving long-range artillery. It will stop shrapnel and small-calibre rounds, but the main threat to troops in central Bosnia is from high-powered sniper fire. Brigadier John Reith, the British commander in former Yugoslavia, said there had to be a compromise between protection and mobility.

Most British soldiers, he added, travelled in armoured vehicles and did not need better vests. He acknowledged, however, that there was a problem for soldiers in unarmoured Land-Rovers and lorries. The installation of lightweight Kevlar armour in these vehicles was under consideration. This would protect drivers from shots coming from the side, against which the bulletproof jackets are not effective.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Williams, officer commanding the 1st Battalion The Coldstream Guards, said he had just heard that the defence ministry in London had said that, if the army wanted better jackets, they were available. Asked if he would requisition them, he added: "Indeed we shall look into that . . . Clearly, if we decide it's something we'd like, then the sooner the better."

But troops on the ground in Bosnia are sceptical about how quickly the 2,300 men involved could be equpped with the new jackets which, at £450 each, cost five times more than the standard issue. One captain said: "We are just one bullet away from oblivion".

Military sources in Britain said yesterday that 2,700 flak jackets fitted with ceramic plates were available for distribution to troops in Bosnia at the discretion of local commanders. Army sources said that soldiers in general did not like them because they were more cumbersome and made getting in and out of armoured vehicles difficult.

In London, a spokesman for the ministry of defence said the best protection for the soldiers in Bosnia was the Warrior armoured vehicle.



A British soldier in the standard flak jacket

City where few dare to chance a smile

BY JOHN FULLERTON

PEOPLE wait until after dark to visit Dzhiha Mulic. With tracer rounds arching through the sky and mortar bombs crashing round the modern blocks of Sarajevo flats, she operates her dental practice.

By candlelight and dressed in a tracksuit, she uses a handtool called an excavator to dig away at decayed teeth. "I have about 12 patients a day," she says. "There is no anaesthetic, so I use a placebo to raise the pain threshold."

She quickly discovered that one of the war's hidden costs is being paid by the children, whose teeth are crumbling because of vitamin and protein deficiency.

"Even babies with their first milk teeth have signs of poor enamel, of swollen gums, of decay," she says. "It is the first sign of malnutrition; the sort of thing you will find in adults in labour camps or among prisoners of war.

"More recently, I noticed that the tissue along the gums, and even the inside the mouth of my patients, was scarred and bleeding."

Mrs Mulic said toothbrushes and toothpaste were impossible to find in the Bosnian capital. "Children I see have forgotten all about them. I have to show them what they are and how to use them.

"Perhaps the international community could send us some along with the food they already send," she pleaded. *(Reuter)*

Concordski sits on scrapheap of hi-tech hopes



Contrary to appearances, this Tupolev-144 supersonic airliner has not crash-landed, but it does represent something of an aviation disaster. The paper dart-shaped jet, once tipped as the Soviet rival to Concorde, sits in a forest near Moscow, waiting for a Western buyer (Anatol Lieven writes). Such a buyer is unlikely to materialise, for the TU144, nicknamed Concordski in the West, has a very poor record. It could indeed stand as a symbol of the Soviet Union's desperate attempt and almost complete failure to compete with Western high technology. In 1973, a TU144 crashed at the Paris air show, killing its crew of six and eight people on the ground. In 1978, after a second crash, the estimated 14 airliners were withdrawn from service.

Another reason for this was their consumption of huge amounts of fuel, even by Soviet standards. Lack of fuel and spare parts mean that the surviving Concordskis are among thousands of airliners standing idle all over the former Soviet Union. The 160 miniature airlines created from the wreckage of Aeroflot have been unable to keep most of their planes in the air, but at least travellers waiting interminably for flights have the chance to study a wide range of former Soviet aircraft.

Mussolini's exam claims mocked

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

OPPONENTS of Alessandra Mussolini yesterday accused the grandaughter of Il Duce of pretending to be a qualified medical doctor to enhance her chances of election as mayor of Naples next week.

The left-wing newspaper *La Repubblica* published a document it said Signora Mussolini had signed when she registered in the Chamber of Deputies as an MP for the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) on April 23, 1992, claiming she had graduated in medicine and surgery and that she was a medical doctor by profession. Signora Mussolini is already under investigation by magistrates for allegedly persuading university administrators to accredit her falsely with passing two examinations.

La Repubblica asked whether the electorate in Naples could trust a woman who faked qualifications but in her campaign to become mayor of Naples questioned the integrity of her opponent in the December 5 election for mayor of Naples, Antonio Bassolino, the former communist Democratic Party of the Left MP. "She makes an electoral flag of her integrity, so far as to advise her adversary 'to wash his mouth before speaking'," *La Repubblica* said.

Carlo Alvino, a spokesman for Signora Mussolini, said she would not reply to the newspaper report. "When she signed the document she was about to graduate and then her graduation was delayed," he said. "The signature was in good faith. She believes that such arguments are of secondary importance to the Neapolitans."

The Jewish community and senior prelates in Rome have urged Romans to prevent the election of Gianfranco Fini, the MSI party secretary, and not offend the memory of thousands of civilians killed in the capital in Nazi-Fascist reprisal massacres in 1943.

Yeltsin threatens to cancel opposition's free TV time

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

IN A move which may raise doubts about the freedom of Russia's election campaign, President Yeltsin yesterday threatened opposition parties that he will cancel their free television air time if they use it to criticise the proposed new constitution or his action last month in suppressing the Russian parliament.

Mr Yeltsin told leaders of the blocs contesting the elections: "I warn you that your free television time will be taken away if you deviate from your theme. Your theme is your programme . . . I ask you not to touch upon the constitution." Since the election campaign began on Monday, several opposition groups have strongly criticised in their television broadcasts the constitution, which they say gives dictatorial powers to the presidency, and the "presidential coup" in September and October.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, yesterday added his voice to criticism of Mr Yeltsin when he said: "I have substantial doubts about how the democratic process is evolving in Russia today. I see that glasnost and the free press have been seriously impaired and the right conditions do not exist for a legitimate and democratic opposition."

Concern is growing among reformists that the electorate may fail to ratify the constitution in the referendum planned to coincide with the parliamentary elections on December 12. This would be a severe blow to Mr Yeltsin and would plunge Russia into constitutional crisis.

There are also fears that the division of reformists into rival electoral blocs may allow the communists and other hardline groups to make a very strong showing in the elections, especially in the 50 per cent of seats to be elected according to a first-past-the-post system. In recent days pro-Yeltsin ministers have gone to several regions to push support for the constitution.

Meanwhile, Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister and radical economic reformer, travelled yesterday to the Arctic coal-mining area of Vorkuta to try to prevent a threatened strike over unpaid wages. Such a strike would hit energy supplies and damage the government in the run-up to the elections, and the miners, like other groups, are clearly making the most of their opportunity.

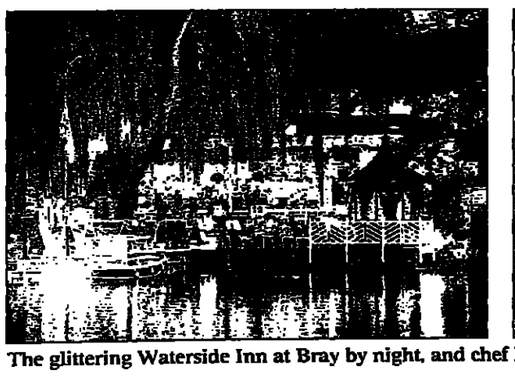
Tbilisi: A hungry crowd tried to break into a bakery at night in the Georgian capital and three people were wounded when guards opened fire, police said yesterday. Chaotic scenes outside bread shops have become common in recent weeks, with angry crowds jostling, sometimes for many hours and often unsuccessfully, to get served. *(Reuter)*

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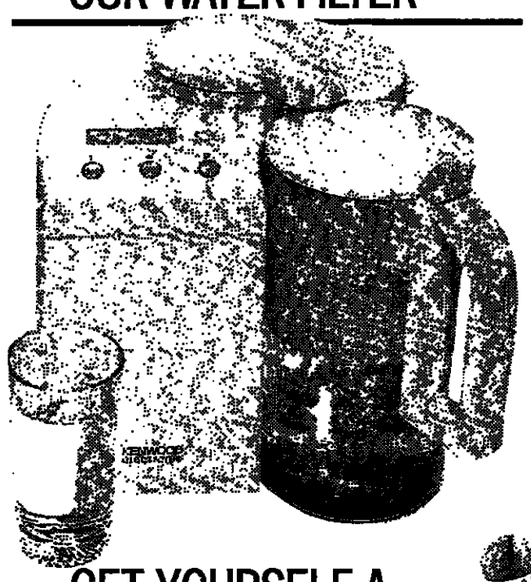
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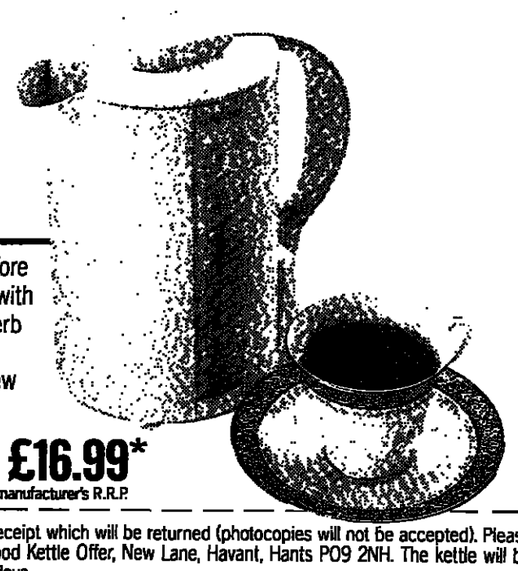
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The Churchill papers reveal diplomatic duplicity in conflict, **John Charmley** says

Fragile alliances that led to war

For those interested in the diplomatic history of the war, the Churchill papers build up into a tantalising picture of just how fragile the two wartime alliances were.

The Japanese rejoiced in what they saw as the failure of Churchill's meeting with Roosevelt in August 1941 and they imagined that the Soviet entry into the war made it unlikely that America would join in; they were looking forward to the possibility of being able to open talks with the British.

The Japanese were propelled towards Pearl Harbor by the feeling that Roosevelt was looking for an "incident" which might provoke war, and they regarded his speeches in September as "virtually a declaration of war" — "the clenched fist in the silk glove". They saw America being driven into war by what we would now call the military-industrial complex which had benefited so enormously from the Anglo-German war.

But if the Japanese saw the Anglo-American and then the Grand Alliance with Russia as fragile, it is clear from the papers that Churchill realised just how fragile the Axis was. Italy was not kept informed of talks between Germany and Japan before Pearl Harbor, and the Germans and Japanese were often hardly on speaking terms.

The Japanese ambassador in Thailand gave vent to the view that the Germans should be told to "stop queering our pitch" in East Asia. Indeed, as decrypts from the Portuguese showed, there were even rumours that Hitler was so worried about the growth of Japanese power in 1942 that he considered offering to help the Americans against his own allies.

The Germans were constantly being fed rumours during 1941 and 1942 about the weakness of Churchill's political position, but it is clear that their main target was, as it always had been, Soviet Russia. As the Japanese ambassador put it in 1942: "They expect to settle the destiny of the German people for a millennium by a complete victory in this war."

They would have liked a deal with the British, but realised that as long as Churchill remained in power they were not going to get one.

Churchill, however, might have taken more notice than he did of remarks which the Russian foreign minister made in April 1942 to the Japanese ambassador. Molotov made it clear not only that the Soviets would abide by their neutrality pact with the Japanese but also added ominously that "Soviet policy was not that of a chance combination of forces". Obviously, the Soviets would use the Grand Alliance as they had used their alliance with Hitler — for purely selfish ends.

The British were constantly hearing rumours of a possible Soviet-German peace deal, but Eden, the British foreign secretary, was against raising the issue with Stalin lest it "have the effect of suggesting to him that we are uneasy and suspicious about his intentions towards Germany". Britain should have been suspicious, but the documents show that the Japanese never really believed that Hitler would let Stalin off the hook.

Had Britain wanted to get out of the war before Hitler invaded the Soviet Union she could have done so without having to rely only on Hitler's word — Churchill knew that the Germans were going to invade Russia and that Hitler had no plans to invade Britain — although he did not expect to have to do so once the Soviets were defeated.

From early on in the Nazi invasion of Russia, Churchill's secret intelligence sources told him of the cost of the German successes and the unexpected fierceness of the Soviet resistance.

Notable by its absence is anything to suggest that Churchill had prior knowledge of Pearl Harbor; I have no doubt that will not stop the conspiracy theorists — but then nothing can do that. Still, the papers do make it plain that Churchill knew as early as August 1941 that if the Japanese attacked America Hitler would enter that war, even though it would have been in his own interest to have stayed out of it as the Russians did. No wonder Churchill was relieved when he heard about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

On the Holocaust, the sources here suggest that the allied governments knew about thousands of deaths at Auschwitz, but that the cause was typhus rather than gas; there are no references to gas chambers, but there are to British prisoners of war being forced to act as guards or "capos" at the camp.

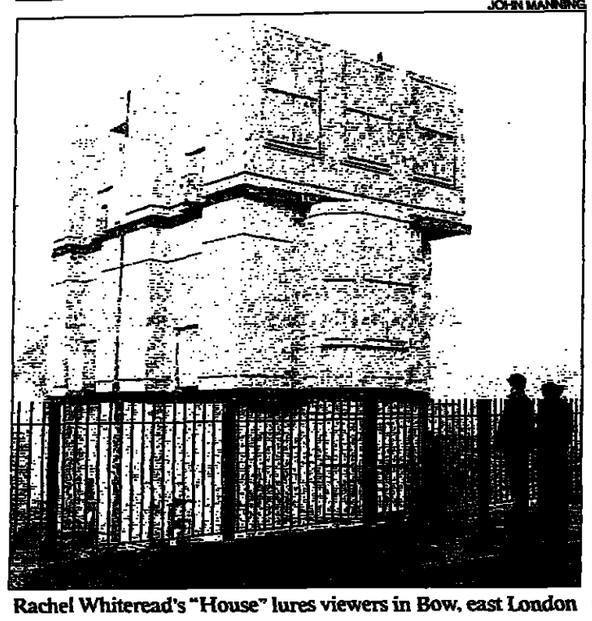
If these secret sources did not tell Churchill much about the Jewish Holocaust they did tell him how badly Stalin was mistreating the Poles right into 1942. This should have made him less credulous in 1943 to the Nazi revelation that the Soviets had murdered thousands of Polish officers in the Katyn Forest.

In their struggle against Hitler the British were often forced to turn a blind eye to the actions of Stalin, whose troops were, after all, doing most of the fighting; but it made the war an odd sort of moral crusade.

So there is nothing here to revolutionise our view of the war, but there is plenty to suggest that the diplomatic situation was more fluid than the conventional accounts would have us believe, and that Churchill was aware of this. However, he had hitched Britain's star to America's wagon and he would follow it wherever it led. For Churchill, as the Axis powers realised, there could be no compromise peace: that was one thing he had in common with Hitler.

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JOHN MANNING



Rachel Whiteread's "House" lures viewers in Bow, east London

Our house is a very nice house

The Turner prizewinner's work needs saving, **James Lingwood** says

Rachel Whiteread's *House* stands in Grove Road in London's East End, as a memorial to housing and to history, to community and to memory. Like most works of art, and all monuments, it is mute. Although it is eloquent in many ways, perhaps it is the silence of *House* amid the cacophony of partisan support and unrestrained prejudice which is so impressive. It absorbs all that is given to it, thought of it, and thrown at it with dignity.

But if *House* is silent, it is not anonymous. And it seems that in this particular local contest (I am not prepared to generalise about the attitudes of local authorities), contemporary public art must aspire to anonymity if it is to be allowed to exist at all. In short, it is only OK if it is meaningless.

This culture of the lowest common denominator is exemplified by the decision of three councillors of Bow neighbourhood to insist on the immediate demolition of *House* on the same night that Rachel Whiteread was awarded the Turner Prize. (There were three councillors who supported an extension, but the casting vote of the chair, Eric Flounders, ensured its fate.) When *House* is pulled down, the wooden sculptures in the adjacent park will stay. They have already acquired that prized invisibility which is ultimately the fate of almost all monuments and which Whiteread's masterpiece self-evidently does not yet have.

> House is a domestic cenotaph, a memorial to the spaces people live in

Perhaps it is worth recalling what the artist and Artangel, the organisation which commissioned *House*, had hoped to get from that meeting in Bow. Permanence has never been our ambition, though it might have been our dream. Our contract with the neighbourhood states that the site should be restored as parkland by the end of November. We applaud their generosity in giving us permission in the first place. The agreement had been negotiated in March, signed in May. We had hoped to take possession of the condemned house at the end of the month. In fact, for reasons outside our or the council's control, we did not gain access to the vacant property until the beginning of August. All we have been asking for is a compensatory extension of a couple of months. Hugo Young in *The Guardian* lamented this limited attempt at compromise as a sad reflection of our cultural aspirations. We are compelled to fly with wings clipped by prejudice.

It seems inconceivable that this moderate extension was refused. Inconceivable until one remembers how easy it can be to mistake private opinion for public interest. An opportunity for quiet compromise has been turned into noisy confrontation. Perhaps it is still not too late for an amicable understanding.

It is the view of the chair of Bow neighbourhood that *House* is an "excrescence". It is also his contention that *House* is a conspiracy of the chattering classes. He cannot acknowledge the unusual constellation of informed opinion that *House* is indeed a rare achievement, even a masterpiece. More alarmingly, he cannot allow himself to see the thousands of people who visit *House* each week as anything but outsiders from other, more comfortable places.

It would be disingenuous to claim that *House* excites universal acclaim — locally or nationally. Clearly it attracts hostility and indifference as well as support. But it is more disingenuous to claim that there is no local interest. Local builders have called the sculpture "amazing", people living across the road have said it is "impressive" and "wonderful"; a local resident said on Thursday that "it should stay for future generations to remember what it was like here". Rachel Whiteread was approached by two locals who had lived in the now demolished terrace for 40 years and thanked for "making their memories real".

The success of this sculpture has been to fracture the normal stereotypes of opposition and support. It is simply not a case of "them" against "us", local against national. The hunger to erase *House* so quickly masks an insecurity about the potential for art to communicate in ways which are unheralded and unpredictable.

On Remembrance Sunday, a public silence falls before perhaps the most successful public monument in Britain, the Cenotaph in Whitehall. *House* is a domestic cenotaph, a memorial to the spaces people live in, the places society creates for them, a monument to both the fragility and the resilience of life. Like the Cenotaph, it commemorates and honours the act of memory itself. But it does not seek to mediate memory into some acceptable political form.

What can be done? Perhaps our only encouragement is that the Cenotaph itself was originally conceived as a temporary structure. But through a rare congruence of public interest and political imagination, it was decided to make it permanent. In fact we do not seek an indefinite life for *House*, only a longer one. There seems a startling absence of reason as to why this should not be.

The author is co-director of Artangel

The politics of giving thanks

A homage to Americanness has become a celebration of diversity

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Since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in the early 17th century, Thanksgiving has become diffused and lost much of its meaning

Dateline: Stonington, Connecticut

Memories fade. November is supposed to be the month of remembrance. But each year for more people, poppy day merges into armistice day into Guy Fawkes day. Such days are becoming diary entries, not moments when history taps us on the shoulder and says take care. Norway's great Christmas tree will shortly arrive in Trafalgar Square. I wonder how many people know who sends it and why.

Each year on the last Thursday of November, America pays collective homage to its Americanness. Yet like the Jewish Passover, Thanksgiving is an strangely intimate ritual. Recalling the first harvest of the Pilgrim Fathers, it has never become just another holiday. Thanksgiving's focus is the family not the state. The feast of gratitude is private. But the gratitude is diffused, much of its meaning lost. The *New York Times* editorial is about turkeys.

This spare, wintry New England shore is a good corrective. Old seafaring settlements point their white gables out to sea, as if both asserting and regretting their independence of the Old Country. Weatherboarded sailors' houses line icy inlets. They might be Dartmouth or Hythe. The hills in which Pequot and Narraganset Indians fought with the early Puritans are still thickly wooded. This is true old America, as New Mexico is old America. It wears its Europe on its sleeve.

In 1621 the Puritan settlers were, of course, thanking God. In this part of Connecticut he was a stern one. "Whosoever shall worship any other God than the Lord", said the the colony's first, blunt constitution, "shall surely be put to death." The same punishment awaited blasphemy, sorcery, adultery, rape and "outrage offered by a son to his parents". Thanks were also extended to the local Indians, some of whom had helped the settlers sow and harvest. In Plymouth, the local chief and his men were entertained for three days of feasting, "having gone out and killed five deer which they brought and bestowed on our governor". The concord, and the thanks, were shortlived.

The politics of Thanksgiving since then have been chequered. It was revived as a one-off celebration by George Washington in 1789. His intention was explicit. The feast, he said, was an occasion to call on the Almighty to "incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government". This was a political event, a federalist ritual. Washington revived the ceremony again in 1795. Jefferson discontinued it as offending states' rights. In 1863 Lincoln revived it again to unite the nation after Gettysburg.

Thanksgiving was not restored to the Pilgrim Fathers until the late-19th century by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Like the British Christmas, the ceremony owes most to Victoria's historical romanticism. The date was fixed by President Lincoln (the original harvest feast had been in October), yet when Roosevelt advanced it by a week during the war to boost Christmas sales, the nation was outraged. He had to move it back.

Thanksgiving's intimacy has always been vulnerable. Presidents Reagan and Bush staged it as a sugary confection of family values and Olde Time America. Last Thursday President Clinton donned dungarees and apron and went with Hillary to serve food for down-and-outs at a Washington church. The pastor was frank: "This is a boost for us and it's a boost for him." Thanksgiving has been embraced by each immigrant wave as a sign of arrival, an assertion of American oneness. Yet political correctness now demands that it also be a celebration of diversity. Blacks, hispanics, orientals, Native Americans separately acknowledge America's non-oneness.

The Pilgrim Fathers, as dead white European males, are again in retreat. Thanksgiving must be multiracial, multicultural, multifaith. A columnist in the *New York Post* this week said it should recall the Holocaust. Animal rights activists have proclaimed it turkey liberation day. Desperate to avoid WASP bias, cookery editors sally forth with politically correct recipes for mu-shu turkey, turkey rollenos, turkey tempura, turkey lasagna.

Simon Jenkins

The result is a festival to the most fertile of American deities, the god of platitude. The Queen's Christmas Message is a mere shopping list compared with Bill Clinton's helium-filled Thanksgiving prose. "The autumn of the year brings ripe and fruitful harvest across our land... a time of bounty and generosity, a time to come together in peace." Thanksgiving reminded the nation — the president chose his nouns with care — of a time when "Pilgrim immigrants sat down with Native Americans and celebrated their common harvest". No mention of banned words such as Fathers, Europe, English, colonist or Indian.

The Indian reaction is understandably equivocal. Here in Connecticut, to show the old ways die hard, the local Indians have chosen Thanksgiving week to remind the modern Puritans whose land this once was. Conservationist residents are fighting to stop the tiny Mashantucket Pequot reservation (once down to just a few native residents) from expanding what is already one of the world's biggest casinos near their historic coastal homesteads.

Indians need no planning permission and pay no taxes. Already a mini-Las Vegas has erupted in the soft Connecticut countryside. The *Pequot Times* points out that the tribe donated $100,000 (from gambling profits) to the Clinton campaign. The Pequot, including anybody who can prove himself one-sixteenth Pequot, have bought land in the open market and want to annex it for more gambling. They are doing to the whites what whites once did to them, exploiting their immorality. Who are mere settlers now to stop them? The Pequot Wars resume.

Yet Thanksgiving remains America's most popular ritual precisely because it turns its back on such politics and celebrates not the group but the family. Newspapers have to take time out from shootings, stabbings, drugs and satanic child abuse to tell heart-warming tales of good deeds. Happy news is *de rigueur*. Sandi is able to share turkey with her family in flood-ravaged Illinois. The D'Amatos are gathering from ten different states to dine together. In Harlem, Carole Shuler manages to cook a bird even in a drug-ridden brownstone. America puts its best face forward at Thanksgiving. Out of such familial concern arises America's sense of community, bedrock of its democracy.

De Tocqueville, always America's shrewdest observer, saw the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers as settlement not of a people but of a people harbouring an idea. Unlike the slave-traders of Virginia, the English who settled New England were "more conversant with the notions of right and the true freedom" than anyone else in the world. They eschewed property, slavery and large estates. "The township system, that fruitful germ of free institutions, was deeply rooted in the habits of these English", he noted with approval.

It was this principle, writ ever wider across the continent, that was ultimately to triumph over the southern colonies, over Dutch, French, German, Spanish and other European implants. "The civilisation of New England has been like a beacon lit upon a hill", wrote de Tocqueville after visiting Connecticut, "which after it has diffused its warmth immediately around it tinges the distant horizon with its glow."

This Puritan ideal of democracy, rooted, he said, in the pluralism of Tudor England, conquered not just the United States. In the 1990s it can humbly permit itself a global prize. If I were American, I would give thanks for this, most specifically Puritan, import. But for the present I fear such Anglocentric thoughts are "incorrect" — even if I did get them from a Frenchman. They would have us both howled out of town.

Back to basic rules

MATTHEW BOND DIARY

SPLITS in the Conservative party: a lack of confidence in the prime minister, a country poised to roll over and admit defeat. Von Ribbentrop's advice to Hitler in 1941 or the lastest MORI opinion poll? You can be forgiven for having doubts.

Indeed, with a Mussolini again resurgent at the ballot box, Hitler's foreign minister was in distinct danger of having to be reclassified as a visionary who just got his timing a bit wrong. Until, that is, the secret wartime papers released this week (presumably under some little known 52-year rule) threw up one crucial error. Von Ribbentrop mistook the Labour party for revolutionaries. Oh, what foolishness.

Our nostalgia-loving prime minister might be delighted by the parallels between then and now, but not the Labour party. Its latest step away from its radical roots involves the dumping of Peter Hain, the veteran angry young man, from the executive of the Tribune Group.

The ousting of Hain, still perhaps best remembered for his anti-apartheid activities of 20 years ago, coincided with some curious news from Oxford (is there another sort, I hear you cry) where the undergraduates of New College have voted to change the name of their junior common room. The Nelson Mandela Room has become *passé*, the students explained from the sanctuary of what is now the Joanna Lumley Room. Honestly, what is it with students today? You can see the next Oxford University v Springboks rugby match, can't you? Not a police horse or riot shield in sight — just La Lumley and Jennifer Saunders running the line.

The city of aspiring teens, however, also had reverses in store for the political right, although initially John Major must have been delighted to see a "Back to Traditional Values" candidate (compulsory morning chapel, tea-dances, formal hall etc) triumph in the election for JCR president at Magdalen. Victory, however, was shortlived, with the candidate quickly impeached for campaign irregularities (caught juggling the unemployment figures, or something) and disqualified. Back to traditional student politics.

The prime minister, though, can take some consolation in the fact that Oxford reserved its traditional welcome for his predecessor, after Baroness Thatcher politely asked the Bodleian Library for access to the Tory party papers covering her years as Leader of the Opposition. "To research our second volume of memoirs, you understand."

"Certainly not," thundered the Bod. "They're covered by a 30-year rule. Come back in 2005." A kind undergraduate pointed out to the thwarted author that Lord Nuffield's office at the nearby Cowley car plant, locked for the 30 years since the car pioneer's death, was about to be opened. But the prospect of *Thatcher: The Morris Minor Maintenance Manual* has been too much for Central Office to bear. Sir Norman Fowler ordered the Bodleian to render unto Thatcher anything she wants.

So the air has been thick this week with names from bygone times. But neither has there been any shortage of contemporary candidates queuing up to join them in the archives. Taylor, Gummer and Lamont, to name but three.

Graham Taylor hung on grimly, but six days of extra time proved too much for the England manager. "Some of his critics are on the pitch. They think it's all over. Hughes, Miller, Hughes. It is now." And over it is. But the good news is that there may yet be life for Taylor after World Cup elimination. The Wycombe and South Bucks Star League has a problem. Many of its sides are winning by so big a margin that the losing teams are getting demoralised. An edict has gone out from the league's organisers: "Score fewer goals." Taylor is on his way.

Quite whether there is life after the environment department for John Gummer remains to be seen. But his accident-prone reputation cannot have been enhanced by managing to launch his *London — Making the Best Better* initiative less than 24 hours before the Tube network largely ground to a halt — and London with it. Commuters are now hoping that Gummer's first initiative will be to remove the 50-year rule that covers power cables.

In 50 years time Norman Lamont is in danger of still being remembered as the politician who regretted *rien*. Which might be why this week he admitted to one. No, not the Piaf, but not reforming the capital gains tax system. Capital gains? No I can't remember what they are either. Must be a state secret.

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MEMOS FROM "C"

Churchillian history gains from open government

The release yesterday of 1,300 top secret intelligence reports drawn up in 1941 and 1942 is potentially one of the most exciting developments in Churchillian scholarship for many years. Though the files will disappoint those who hoped for vindication of crass conspiracy theories, they provide a unique insight into the most private information reaching Churchill at a crucial stage of the second world war. Sifting through the thousands of pages of decoded material, historians may come a little closer to understanding what secrets drove the war leader to act as he did.

The new documents have been transferred to the Public Record Office as part of the open government initiative and are an ornament to that new policy. Annotated by Churchill in red ink, they are the highly confidential reports known in Whitehall as "Ultra" which the Government Code and Cypher School (GCCS) sent him almost daily. This was the glorious spring of British intelligence, when the world's best code-breakers were to be found at Bletchley Park in an eccentric community of intellectuals resembling an Oxford common room more than a military establishment. British intelligence has resisted efforts to declassify this archive for nearly half a century. But now disclosure has begun and it is possible to read these briefings and the scrawled instructions in their margins from Churchill to Sir Stuart Menzies, known as "C".

Of the evidence that has already emerged from the archive, the most unsettling item is an intercepted German SS report from July 1942 requesting 80 British prisoners of war to be used as foremen at Auschwitz. Other SS reports passed to Churchill revealed that 8,000 people had died in one month alone at the concentration camp. This disclosure will certainly reopen the painful debate about Allied knowledge of the Final Solution.

Although it is generally believed that news of the gas chambers did not reach London until July 1944, the new documents suggest that Churchill knew a fair amount about the concentration camps much earlier in the war. Arguably, he should have had their supply lines bombed immediately and overridden the War Office claim that it was in British interests to have German resources diverted to the east of Europe. Nonetheless, it would be rash to assume that the prime minister was aware in July 1942 of the camps' ghastly purpose, which is not mentioned in the German reports released yesterday. At this early stage, he may have attributed the high death rate at Auschwitz to the typhus epidemic sweeping the camp.

These files will also enrich historical arguments about the significance of the second world war in the unfolding of the twentieth century. Earlier this year, John Charmley's revisionist biography of Churchill sparked a fierce controversy by claiming that war might have been avoided, that peace could have been achieved much earlier than 1945 and that Churchill's obsession with Hitler ultimately cost Britain its social order and empire. This thesis is certainly not be accepted uncritically. But the debate did have the healthy effect of demythologising Churchill and forcing considered reflection of his role in the war.

On the opposite page, Dr Charmley argues that the new intelligence files reveal the surprising fragility of both alliances in the war. Some may conclude from this that Churchill did not sufficiently exploit the tensions in the Axis pact — often explicit in these intelligence briefings — to pursue an early peace. Yet peace at what cost? The value of these reports is not that they discredit Churchill but that they humanise the decisions which political élites around the world were taking at a time of great pressure. The information which emerged varied from high level analysis to pure gossip, such as the claim made by a Spanish ambassador that Britain was preparing a monarchist coup in Russia and the scornful remarks of the Japanese ambassador to Rome about the Latin inclination to grumble. History is made of tiny details as well as grandiose myth. Our knowledge of this turbulent time in human history can only be enhanced by this new access to the secret reading of the Lion of Chartwell.

FOGGY DAYS IN TOWN

Major has much to gain from the general confusion

Over the past few days a fog has hung as thickly over British politics as over its shopping malls and motorways. The latest MORI poll shows that the prime minister has become slightly more unpopular, that voters are unconvinced by the economic recovery and that the government has nothing much to show yet from its carefully constructed campaign of unity since the Party conference. The dominant message from the numbers is that there is no dominant message.

The same grey data emerged from the elections to the executive of the Conservatives' 1922 committee. After weeks of plotting and scurrying, in which all opponents of Maastricht were threatened with defeat, the result was a simple replacement of one maverick of the right, Sir George Gardiner, with another, David Evans.

This switch is said to be important because Sir George had been given the "disloyalty" label to be tied around his scapegoat's neck. Mr Evans, on the other hand, though hardly less vocal in his various oppositions to the government, is claimed to be "loyal" to the prime minister. Today's fog of words is perhaps thickest at this point: loyalty to person or principle, which is the higher? Mr Evans's own attempts at clarification, on the BBC *Today* programme yesterday morning, did not impress: a penguin at a word-processor would have carried greater conviction.

Westminster's atmosphere is soupy — and getting soupier. This is not, however, necessarily to the prime minister's disadvantage. True, he has been more unpopular for more time than any prime minister since records began. True, it does not seem at all certain that his own ratings will rise in line with the economic optimism of voters. On the other hand, fewer forces are seriously conspiring against him. His opponents are wandering about like the pedestrians after last week's London Underground failures. "Back to basics" has a basic appeal to party activists, even if it is mocked by the media. His parliamentary party has decided against rocking its own boat; no matter how unpopular the budget, how bad the local and European election results, it may not have the heart to rock Mr Major's.

If the great minds of 10 Downing Street have decided that this is as low as it gets, there is no political reason for not promoting all the bad news for voters at once. In next week's budget Kenneth Clarke may try to do just that. Peter Lilley's frankness about the need for welfare reform, reinforced again yesterday, is also aimed at attracting the worst opprobrium at the earliest time. The expected volume of announcements, threats and promises is unprecedented. Ministers are left worrying how they can make their own particular policies known among the confusion of tax-changes, spending plans and prophecies. There is little scope for plotting here either. The fog has settled. It may be many days after the Chancellor has sat down on Tuesday before it even begins to lift.

LOOK BEHIND YOU

I say, I say, I say; a panto encyclopaedia is being published

The Playhouse, Anytown, in the United Kingdom in December. Lights down; music, heavy on the trombones and timpani; curtain up on fairyland of glitter and paint; stage snow flutters. Enter a chorus line of pretty girls, male dancers dressed as sub-Alpine yokels, children from the Anytown school of dance and deportment, and Widow Twankey in tutu and balloons.

Widow sings: This is really not my scene.
Know wha' I mean, know wha' I mean?
I like fings better in the ring,
Where I can punch like anyfing.
My trainer always calls me Laundry
'Cos I hang on the ropes for all and sundry.
Meantersay, behold, well, you know,
Beneath this frock, I'm Frank Bruno

Chorus: Oh, no you aren't. Who's a pretty boy then? Your goose has laid two golden double-joked eggs underneath your jumper.

Widow: Oh, yes I am. I had quite a good record in the ring. I fought a hundred fights and won all but ninety-nine of them. Boo-boom. Or if I'm not. I'm Ian Botham. Don't confuse me with "Bottom": not even Shakespeare's. I play the Ugly Sisters, both of 'em.

Principal boy (a local actress who once appeared in *Coronation Street*) slaps impressive thigh and declaims: Dear Widow Twankey, do you realise that we have at last been accepted as a legitimate part of British theatre, combining corny fairy tales with celebrities of the hour? Now we are having a whole encyclopaedia published about us and our unique English art form.

Fairy Godmother, coiffed as Mrs Thatcher: No, no, no. Why do these Eurothespians not appreciate pantomime? Why do they call it coarse, and not at all funny, and the last citadel of smutty jokes and belly-laughs about mother-in-laws and rampant lust?

Aladdin (Paddy Ashdown): Because they simply do not understand the British character. Panto represents all that is special about our old country: terrible puns, blue jokes, xenophobia, soppy sentimentality and John Bullish political incorrectitude.

Dandini (Betty Boothroyd): Yes, panto is as peculiarly English as the mottos in crackers, chilled lager, and old maids cycling to communion through the morning mist.

Enter pedalling on their manifestos, *Broker's Men* (John Major and John Smith):
Why call PM's question time
A pantomime, a pantomime?
Because when we feel like a rant-o,
Sound-bites, stage rage, allegro tanto,
Sloganising in politico-portmanteau,
We might as well be in the panto.

Aladdin: That chorus girl! I never gave her a second thought. I was too busy with the first.

Buttons: Shall I put it on your bill?

Mother Goose: Certainly not. What do you think I am? A pervert?

A screen with words descends from the roof, and *Widow Twankey* leads the audience:
The stately dames of England
How camply they all stand,
To prove the panto classes
Will last until they're banned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Terms for start of Sinn Fein talks

From Dr Edgar Anstey

Sir, John Major has rightly given top priority to trying to achieve a solution to the problem of Northern Ireland. He should be commended for his courage in making the concession that Sinn Fein could have a place at the conference table if they forswore the use of violence (report, November 19).

But for Sinn Fein to forswear violence is a concession which they are most unlikely to make unless some additional concession is offered by the British government.

One possibility for a future form of government is a joint Federal Council of Ireland, with separate parliaments in Belfast and in Dublin. Alternatively, the province could remain part of the UK, or become independent, or be subject to some kind of condominium by Great Britain and the Irish Republic.

Whichever of these possibilities were decided upon, there would be no need for British troops to remain in Northern Ireland, and the firm promise of future withdrawal, conditional upon all the terms being met, could be made to Sinn Fein now, as the further concession enabling negotiations to commence.

Yours etc,
EDGAR ANSTEY,
Sandrock, 3 Higher Tristram,
Polzeath, Cornwall.
November 22.

From Lord Tebbit, CH

Sir, In his article, "Ireland needs this initiative" (November 24), George Brock appears to misunderstand my views on the government's initiatives in Northern Ireland.

My view is that any concession sufficient to cause the IRA to end its campaign for the surrender of that province to the sovereignty of the Republic of Ireland would be a concession which would cause those who support the wishes of the majority to remain within the United Kingdom to take up arms.

Mr Brock appears to regard Northern Ireland as though it was a colonial territory and the IRA as though it was a liberation movement whose aspirations had majority support.

In such a case peace is easily achieved by granting self-determination. In the case of Ulster, however, the people already have self-determination and the armed struggle is an attempt to take it away from them.

Talk of constitutional change leading to peace is therefore more likely to lead to instability and more violence, as we have already seen.

Yours faithfully,
TEBBIT,
House of Lords.
November 24.

From Dr F. R. Himsworth

Sir, The Irish prime minister, Mr Albert Reynolds, assures us (report, November 20) that the British and Irish governments are travelling on parallel tracks. But, considering that parallel tracks never meet, is this a good thing?

Yours sincerely,
F. R. HIMSWORTH,
2 Kirk Forge,
Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire.
November 22.

Cost of water

From Mr Geoffrey Martin

Sir, Your report, "New Euro water laws 'will add £500 to bills' " (November 23), was an unnecessary distraction. The relevant piece of EC legislation, the urban waste water directive, is but one element of a series of Community-wide initiatives to improve the quality of our environment.

The European Commission can hardly be blamed, as your headline implies, for the fact that the British government has underestimated the costs of implementing this particular scheme. Furthermore, the assertion by British officials that Brussels had added clauses after the directive was voted on in the Council of Ministers is quite untrue.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY MARTIN
(Head of UK offices),
Commission of the
European Communities,
8 Storey's Gate, SW1.
November 23.

Opera at Dartmoor

From Mr Alistair Campbell

Sir, It was with some disappointment that I read Bernard Levin's article of November 16, "And your bird can sing".

There is a serious side to Glyndebourne Touring Opera's recent project in HMP Dartmoor. Outside the prison (where last month we devised from scratch, with inmates, a beautiful, original and moving piece — not the lame and tired spoof from the 1950s which Levin offers) is a statement to the effect that the establishment aims to rehabilitate prisoners in a humane manner so that they might in time rejoin society. It was in this spirit that we approached the project.

Yours faithfully,
ALI CAMPBELL
(Director, Glyndebourne HMP
Dartmoor project),
47 Crowndale Court,
Crowndale Road, NW1.

A prince in reality and on screen

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, In his defence of the Prince of Wales ("Appalling view of a prince", November 23), Walter Ellis threatened us with a return to censorship, unless we "pay heed to at least some past values". On the same day you reported that "it has been disclosed" that Charles is "frustrated" by the lack of support he receives from the government (the taxpayer) for his royal trade missions.

The Prince of Wales is a public figure. He benefits enormously from this public position. Much of his wealth derives from his role in the royal family, and he uses the platform of royalty to address the public on a range of issues he finds important. Moreover, he assumes his role purely voluntarily — no one forcibly drags Charles Windsor from his castle to perform his duties — and he is free at any time to resign.

Few complaints emanated from the Palace (or from the Palace's friends) when, in the old days, the media was full of syrup about monarchy or when Charles's marriage to Diana was described as "the love match of the century" by a popular newspaper now held in disfavour by the royals.

A free country may treat public figures somewhat robustly, but that is the price, well worth paying, for putting them in their place — as servants, not masters, of the people. Much of the sensitivity emanating from the Prince's circle is no doubt a product of his sense of increasing irrelevance. There is little doubt that he has lost a role and not yet found a way of life.

Unfortunately, Charles seems to have fixed upon royal visits as a suitable role to keep him busy. Yet, these visits are no substitute for a real job. They may help a small bit in areas such as the Gulf and Arabia, where royalty is still held in some awe; but in our major markets a visit by British royalty serves only to project an image of Britain as a feudal society and inefficient economy.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HASELER
(Chairman, Republic),
2 Thackeray House,
Ansdell Street, W8.
November 23.

From Mrs Vera Ryder

Sir, I am sorry Walter Ellis got his Y-fronts in such a twist over the BBC serial *To Play the King*, which for me is much nearer to "adult viewing" than many a programme so described.

If the royal family can be cruelly lampooned in *Spitting Image*, what is wrong with depicting *a* royal family as human beings? Here we have a superb script and some superb performances, and we don't know yet if the appalling Urquhart will get his come-uppance. If he doesn't, it will be a reflection on those who appoint and support him, not on those who attempt to oppose him.

During the first episode Mr Ellis could have switched over to a programme on the Kennedy assassination, but perhaps he prefers to let his blood boil rather than curdle.

Yours faithfully,
VERA RYDER,
Dorey Cottage, High Street,
Sonning, Berkshire.
November 23.

From Mrs Ruth Soetendorp

Sir, "As a matter of law, I have no rights, as the author of the book, to interfere with the BBC's adaptation," writes Michael Dobbs (letter, November 25).

On assigning copyright to the BBC, the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, s.80 (2), allows Mr Dobbs to assert his moral right to object to treatment that amounts to distortion or mutilation of his work, or is otherwise prejudicial to his honour or reputation as the author.

Adaptors of creative work, such as the BBC, might request contributors to waive their moral rights. Such requests should be resisted.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH SOETENDORP
(Course leader),
Department of Finance and Law,
Bournemouth University,
Dorset House, Talbot Campus,
Fern Barrow, Poole, Dorset.
November 25.

From Miss Erika Hoffman

Sir, John Miller (letter, November 25) fails to recognise that the character which he assumes to portray the Princess of Wales is in fact intended to represent a different member of the "royal family". I am the actress who portrays the king's ex-wife and, as such, I was only fleetingly in the first episode.

Yours faithfully,
ERIKA HOFFMAN,
c/o Susan Angel Associates,
12 D'Arblay Street, W1.
November 26.

From Mr Roy Durant

Sir, "I wasn't to blame, Guv'nor, I luv the Prince, gawd bless 'im, I wrote and said so." Perhaps Mr Michael Dobbs and Mr Ian Richardson (letters, November 25) should in future think more seriously about how their works and actions are portrayed.

Yours faithfully,
ROY DURANT,
Meadowsweet Cottage,
Hyde Lane, Danbury, Essex.

Correct at Christmas

From the Chief Executive of the Pre-School Playgroups Association

Sir, This association has issued no guidelines or instructions to its member playgroups relating to the holding of Christmas celebrations (reports, November 23 and 24, later editions). We are encouraging member groups to take part in an annual Christmas fundraising campaign, "Songs at Christmas", on behalf of playgroup children in need, and many groups organise their own Christmas parties for children and parents.

Our guidelines, endorsed by the Department of Health and available to all playgroups, make no reference to Christmas. They stress the need throughout the year for all aspects of play and provision to reflect a wide range of cultures, especially those represented within the playgroup.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET LOCHRIE,
Chief Executive Officer,
Pre-School Playgroups Association,
61-3 Kings Cross Road, WC1.

From Mr Peter McCloskey

Sir, My two girls, Hanna and Roann, attend the local infants' and junior school where the children come from many backgrounds and traditions. The pupils and parents take part in celebrating Ramadan, Diwali, the Chinese new year, Christmas, etc.

Children are not confused, as Alan Chance proposes (letter, November 24), but enriched by different ways of worshipping God.

Yours sincerely,
P. McCLOSKEY,
17 Elms Lane,
Sudbury Town, Middlesex.
November 24.

From Mr L. H. Prodgers

Sir, It worries me somewhat that I am no longer surprised to read reports about playgroups cancelling Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL H. PRODGERS,
10 Giles Coppice,
Dulwich Wood Park, SE19.
November 23.

Care of the countryside

From Mr Julian Cummins

Sir, Many farmers, at least in North Yorkshire, will agree with Simon Jenkins that their role as keepers of the countryside should be recognised and paid for ("Where cash is the main crop", November 13; letters, November 20, 23).

The question of the rural environment formed part of a survey we carried out this year among the 1,000 or so family farms which are typical of the area — small mixed farms, as opposed to the large arable ones which attract the biggest subsidies.

Respondents, especially in the hills and the national park, insisted that looking after the countryside was a lively tradition which they were determined to maintain. "A good strong healthy agriculture makes for the best scenic effect," wrote one. "The whole area of Ryedale has been created by past generations of farming families who have cared for the countryside," said another. But the public does not always understand that the English landscape is not a natural phenomenon or endowment. Those who created and maintain it deserve recognition and reward.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN CUMMINS
(Chair, Yorkshire Liberal Democrats),
28 Outwood Lane, Horsforth,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Oliver Walston

Sir, Sir Julian Rose (letter, November 20) states that the Ministry of Agriculture "refuses to provide any financial help to existing organic farmers". Your readers might, as a result, get the erroneous impression that organic farmers receive no subsidies. In fact, they receive precisely the same level of financial assistance that is given to conventional farmers. Neither more nor less.

Sir Julian is somewhat misleading when he refers to my "monocultural prairies". The image which he seeks to convey is one of a heartless hedge-destroyer concerned only with profit at the expense of landscape. South Cambridgeshire chalkland has, of course, been hedgeless heathland for centuries. The fact that we grow a varied rotation of crops makes his charge that we are monocultural equally hard to substantiate.

On the brighter side, I am glad that Sir Julian is one of the rare farmers who seem to think that total open access to the public will not result in what the president of the National Farmers Union has recently predicted as "abuse of the countryside by irresponsible elements".

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER WALSTON,
Thriplow Farm, Thriplow,
Royston, Hertfordshire.
November 22.

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Feathers fly in the animals' court

From Mr W. E. Balmer

Sir, David Pannick's examination of the possible appearance of a parrot as a court witness, "Will parrot squawk before the the beak?" (Law, November 23), reminds me of an unreported case in the 1950s at Kingston magistrates' court in Surrey when I was the advocate for a mynah bird. It kept the neighbours awake not so much by the noise it made as by its uncovenanted silences.

The bird's song (oft repeated) was the once well-known "All the nice girls love a sailor, all the nice girls love a ..." The end of the second line remained a mystery, to the unmitigated fury of the good people of Esher.

I am ashamed to admit that the humourless JPs upheld the by-law, found the bird to be a nuisance and fined its owner 40 shillings.

Yours faithfully,
W. E. BALMER,
Balmer & Son (solicitors),
20 Hersham Road,
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.
November 24.

From His Honour Judge Aron Owen

Sir, Many years ago at Westminster County Court His Honour Judge Basil Blagden entered accompanied by his large dog, which sat on a seat next to him on the bench.

Judge Blagden immediately addressed the astounded counsel appearing before him:

I have read the pleadings in this case and I see it is all about a motor vehicle colliding with a lamppost. I have brought my Assessor with me.

Yours faithfully,
ARON OWEN,
44 Brampton Grove, Hendon, NW4.

From Mr William Crowther, QC

Sir, David Pannick's article on testimony from birds and animals reminds me of a case in which I was involved many years ago when I was instructed to defend a young man charged with stealing racing pigeons. His defence was that the birds were feral pigeons, which he had caught in a park. The birds were in court as "Exhibit 1", cooing to themselves in a basket.

The alleged owner gave evidence identifying the birds as his property. I cross-examined on the basis that no one could tell one pigeon from another. Eventually, provoked beyond endurance, the alleged owner said: "If you don't believe those birds are mine, let them free and see where they go."

The judge ordered the birds' primary feathers to be stamped with the court's date stamp, the court adjourned to the car park and the birds were freed.

I had a moment of hope as they circled aimlessly two or three times, but they were only getting their bearings. They then sped in the direction of the owner's pigeon loft and arrived there within minutes. Verdict: guilty.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM CROWTHER,
2 Temple Gardens, EC4.
November 23.

From Mr Michael Patchett-Joyce

Sir, I have no idea how to cross-examine a parrot, but would not a polygraph be the most appropriate means to test its evidence?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PATCHETT-JOYCE,
4 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.

Prices at the pump

From Mr D. Gleave

Sir, Diesel fuel is now more expensive than lead-free petrol (report, November 18, later editions).

Can we look forward to the government addressing this issue as part of its effort towards harmonisation with Europe, where, in France at least, diesel is much cheaper than petrol, as well as part of its effort to promote environmentally friendly products?

Yours faithfully,
D. GLEAVE,
34 Guilford Road,
Stoneygate, Leicester.

Can we wait?

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, How exciting to read Benedict Nightingale's report ("Fresh directions from the new world", Arts, November 17) on the new American plays which will shortly be stimulating our enfeebled London drama scene.

Evidently these plays will fill us with "intimations of disaster" and confront us with violence which is "sudden, frequent, bewildering". Sex will come "in brusque, self-hating encounters" in which (who would have guessed?) "Aids is an ever-present threat". We shall have the chance to see the story of a retarded couple who "wander the underbelly of Kingston, Ontario, with their dead baby in a plastic bag" or maybe the one about the woman who "is sufficiently taunted by the sexual fantasies of a spastic to hurl her from her wheelchair and beat her up". It will, enthuses Mr Nightingale, "leave you reeling".

No doubt he is right but dare one admit to hoping that one or two feeble British plays might still be on offer?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 26: By command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Señor Luis Davalos at 3 Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, London SW1, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republuc of Ecuador to the Court of St James's.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 26: Princess Alexandra today received Commander Nicholas Hudson, Royal Navy, upon relinquishing command of HMS Broadsword and Commander Paul Robinson, Royal Navy, on assuming command.

Weekend birthdays

Today
Mr John Alderton, actor, 53; Dr John Ashworth, director, London School of Economics and Political Science, 55; Mr Rodney Bewes, actor, 56; Lord Bridges, 66; the Earl of Cottenham, 45; Mr Robert Dougall, broadcaster, 80; Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 66; Mr James Evans, former chairman, International Thomson Organisation, 61; Lord Howard de Walden, 81; Miss Verity Lambert, film and television producer, 58; Baroness Mallalieu, QC, 48; Sir David Nickson, chairman, Clydesdale Bank, 64; Mr Alan Simpson, scriptwriter, 64; Mr Ernie Wise, comedian, 68.

Tomorrow
Mr Kriss Akabusi, athlete, 35; Dr G.S.G. Beveridge, vice-chancellor, The Queen's University, Belfast, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 66; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 69; Sir David Croom-Johnson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 79; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 61; Mr Tony Garrett, director of campaigning and chief agent, Conservative Central Office, 44; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 68; Lord Macdonald, 46; General Sir David Mostyn, 65; Miss Dervla Murphy, author, 62; Sir Idris Pearce, chartered surveyor, 60; Mr Stephen Roche, cycling champion, 34; Sir Lewis Robertson, industrialist, 71; Lieutenant-General Robin Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, 54; Mr H.S. Tate, chairman, London, FOX, 62.

University news

Cambridge
Corpus Christi College
Dr Tony Wrigley has been elected Master from August 1 1994. Dr Wrigley is Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford, and takes the chair of Economic History at Cambridge next April. He has been Bursar and Senior Tutor at Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

Appointment

Patrick Nixon to be High Commissioner to Zambia.

Service dinners

Anchorites
Commander and Mrs Richard Baker were the principal guests at the annual ladies guest night dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Captain I.B. Sutherland, president, was in the chair.

RM Association
Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, President of the City of London branch of the Royal Marines Association, was host at the annual dinner held last night at the Royal Marines Reserves Officers Mess, Bermondsey. Lieutenant-General Robin Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Mrs Ross were the principal guests.

Blythe Sappers
Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. W. Dawson were the principal guests at a dinner given by the Blythe Sappers at the Royal Engineers Headquarters Mess at Chatham last night. Sapper G.C.H. Osborne presided.

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
Colonel P. Shervington presided at the London area reunion dinner of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Association held last night at Fusilier House, Balham. General Sir Kenneth Darling and Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Reilly were among those present.

RAF High Wycombe
Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans was the principal guest at a dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe by the Air Operations staffs of United Kingdom Air Forces, Strike Command and HQ 38 Group to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of HQ 38 Group. Air Vice-Marshal J.A.G. May was the senior host and Squadron Leader D.F. Goodman presided.

Dinners

Horatian Society
The Horatian Society held a dinner for 120 members and guests in Lincoln's Inn Old Hall last night to celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Horace. Lord Templeman, the Chairman, presided. The guest of honour and principal speaker was Professor R.G.M. Nisbet and the toast of Horace was proposed by Mr Colin Sydenham, the Secretary.

Lord Howell
Lord Howell, Chairman of the Labour Movement for Europe, was the speaker at the annual dinner of the European Movement (West Midlands branch) held last night at the Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham. Mr Joe Binns, chairman of the branch, presided.

Old Latymerian Association
Mr L Norman presided at the annual dinner of the Old Latymerian Association held last night at Latymer Upper School. Mr A. Mumford, Mr C. Diggory and Mr B. Field also spoke.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend the international Rugby Football Union England v New Zealand All Blacks match at Twickenham at 2.00.

TOMORROW: Prince Edward, as Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a reception given by the Girls' Brigade at Glasgow City Chambers at noon to mark their 1,500th gold award recipient; and, as Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, will attend the final of the Scottish open badminton championships at Kelvin Hall Sports Arena, Glasgow, at 1.20.

Lectures

Bristol Society
The Lord Lieutenant of Avon, Sir John Wills, Bt, was present at a Lecture given for the Society by The Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, Mr David Shattock, OStJ, QPM, on Thursday, November 25, in the Bristol City Council Chamber. Mr St John Hartnell, the Chairman of the Society, presided. Mr Charles Keen gave the vote of thanks and Barclays Bank gave a Supper afterwards.

The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre
The Sixth Bagrit Evening was held on Thursday, November 25, at The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine. The lecture 'The Role of The Bagrit Centre in the Forthcoming Medical Revolution' was given by Professor Richard Kitney, Director of the Centre. A dinner was then held in the atrium. Among those present were:
Lady Bagrit, Sir Matthew and Lady Farrer, Dr Eric and Mrs Emma Duckworth, Mrs Julia Montgomery, Professor David Norburn, Professor Sue Birley and Professor Colin Caro.

Receptions

River Thames Society
Mr P. Roberts, Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, and the Deputy Mayor of Greenwich were the guests of honour at a reception given by the Lower Tideway branch of the River Thames Society last night at Watermen's Hall.

Old Mercers' Club
Mr Michael Cummergen, President of the Old Mercers' Club, and Mrs Cummergen welcomed Old Mercers' and their guests at a reception held last night at the Guards Museum, Wellington Barracks.

Marriages

Mr P.G. Donald and Mrs C.P. Gorman
The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, November 25, 1993, at Chelsea Register Office between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Donald, of Coolham, West Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. Davis, of Evercreech, Somerset.

Mr D. Jackson and Miss C. Kenyon
The marriage took place on November 25, 1993, in Mauritius, of David St John Jackson and Carolyn Kenyon. A blessing will take place in Yorkshire in 1994.

Westminster School

A Service in commemoration of the Foundation and the Benefactors of Westminster School was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. In accordance with a special clause in the Act of Uniformity the Service was said and sung in Latin. The lesson was read by The Dean of Westminster and the address was given by The Head Master. During the singing of the Te Deum roses were laid on the tomb of Queen Elizabeth I. After the Service receptions were held up School and up House.



Victoria Coode of Christie's admires a work by Sir Edwin Landseer (1802-73) which the auction house is to sell in London next March. "Scene in Braemar — Highland Deer", which is more than 8ft in height, is expected to make at least £750,000

Memorial service

Sir Richard Dobson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Richard Dobson was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr James Hoggarth, grandson, read the lesson and Miss Emily Hoggarth and Miss Sophie Hoggarth, granddaughters, read from Sir Richard's poems. Mr Paddy Davies gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Dobson (widow), Colonel and Mrs Timothy Hoggarth (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs John Scott (sister), Dr and Mrs Stephen Scott, Miss Daphne Portway, Mr and Mrs Christopher Portway; the Countess of Euston (representing Elizabeth FitzRoy Homes), Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lady Prudence Loudon, the Hon Patrick Best, Sir Duncan Oppenheim, Lady Part, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Archibald Forster (Exxon and Esso), Sir Jeremy Morse (Lloyds Bank) with Mr Alastair J Michie; Sir Harry Moore, Lady (William) Wilkinson, Sir Lindsay and Lady Alexander, Sir Robert Clark (Rauscher Pierce and Clark), Sir Peter and Lady Macadam, Sir Alex and Lady Alexander, Sir Alcon and Lady Copisarow.
Mr Mark Jarratt, Mrs Paddy Davies, Mrs Charles Merullo, Professor and Mrs George Kane, Mr and Mrs John Grist, Mr Michael Hoare, Mr and Mrs John Storar, Mrs John Baker, Mr and Mrs G Eastwood, Mr G D Burnett, Mr Michael Prideaux (representing the chairman and directors, BAT Industries), Mr S Burke (National Savings Committee and Electoral Reform Society), Mr Simon Webley (British-North American Committee), Mr M Baker-Munton (152 Squadron, RAF), Mrs Christine Emblin (Presidents' Club), Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC, (Clifton College, Bristol), Mr David Taylor (Old Cliftonian Society), and Mr Allan Grant (Richmond Golf Club) and Mrs Grant with Mr John Barnett, Mr Bill Brown and Mr George Clouston.

Luncheon

Tallow Chandlers' Company
The Lady Mayoress presented the Tallow Chandlers' medals and awards to BP apprentices and young researchers at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I.D. Crabb and Miss W.H. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Crabb, of Poole, Dorset, and Wendy, daughter of Mr David Griffiths, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and of Mrs Helen Smith, of Coalport, Shropshire.

Mr S.A. Guild and Mlle H.B. Maure
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Guild, of Eccleshall, Staffordshire, and Hélène, daughter of M Jacques Maure, of Orléans and of Mme Servane de Layre, of Paris.

Mr E.B. Hurst and Miss J.S. Routh
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hurst, of Mill Hill, London, and Jane, daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Routh, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr J-Y. Rouffiac and Miss J. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Jean-Yves, stepson and son of Sir Nicholas and Lady Phillips, of Hampstead, London, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Edwards, of Porthcawl, Wales.

Lieutenant Colonel P.S. Sandilands and Miss M.A. Sandilands
The engagement is announced between Patrick Stanley Sandilands, of Lagganmore, Kilninver, Argyll, and Mary Aileen Sandilands, of Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Dr P.A. Whiting and Miss S.J. Ruvidini
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of the late Mr Arthur Whiting and of Mrs John Comben, of Winfrith, Dorset, and Sandra, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Ruvidini, of Perth, Western Australia.

Church services tomorrow

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Missa Brevis (Walton), Oculi omnium (Wood), The Provost; 4 Advent Procession with Carols.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, High Altar; 9.30 M, Nave, Sister Lavinia Byrne; 11 S Euch, Moore Canterbury Mass, Ecce virgo concipiet (Isaac), Rev J Draper; 3.15 Advent Carol S, Nave; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Eastern Crypt, Rev D S Naumann, Hon Canon.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Buxtehude), O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Hosanna (Weelkes), Wachet auf (Bach), Canon David Jenkins; 3.30 Advent Carol S; 6.30 Night Prayers, Mrs Joan Barham.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Canon Peter Southwell-Sander; 11.15 S Euch, The Litany (Tallis), Wood in the Phrygian Mode, Rorate coeli desuper (Palestrina), The Provost; 3.30 Baptism; 6 Advent Procession.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany, Erasmus Chapel; 8 HC, Quire; 10 Choral M, Benedicite (Dyson), Canon Colin Bennetts; 11.30 Choral Euch, From the rising of the sun (Ouseley), Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Advent Procession; 6.30 Youth Advent Praise Servic, Rev John Hudgton; 8 Youth Concert in the Refectory.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, Getsamane Chapel; 8 C, Lady Chapel; 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Carol of the Advent (Leddington Wright), Spotless Rose (Howells), Rev Dr Christopher Lamb; 3 German Lutherans, Chapel of Unity; 3 Polish Lutherans, Chapel of the Cross; 3.30 Coventry University S; 7 Advent Processions, Vox dicentis (Naylor), I look from afar (Palestrina), Spotless Rose (Howells), Alleluiah (Wishart), The Lord at first did Adam make and People look east (Leddington Wright).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8HC, High Altar; 10 Matins, Benedicite in E flat (Stanford), Benedictus in B flat (Stanford), Hosanna to the Son of David, Canon Perry; 11.15 HC, The Litany in processing (Plainsong), Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Lassus) (Missa super Bell "amfitrit" altera) Canon Coppin; 3.30 EP; 7 Advent Procession with Carols.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Setting (Stanford in C), Hark the glad sound! (Praetorius), The Treasurer; 5.15 Advent Carol S.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany, Cantoris (b); 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch (Rite A) & Baptism, Vierne: Messe solennelle, The Dean; 11.15 Mattins, I look from afar (Palestrina), Benedicite in F (Dyson, Benedictus in F (Ireland), People, look east! (Besancon tune); 12.30 HC; 2 Bishop Grosseteste College, Advent Carol S; 3.45 Eve, Second s (Byrd), Zion hears the watchmen's voices (Bach), Prelude and Fugue in G major (Bach), Rt Rev Michael Marshall.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Messe Solonelle (Vierne), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Preb John Widdas; 3.30 E; 6.30 Advent Sunday Procession, From Darkness to Light.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M and Litany; 8 Euch, The Dean; 9 Parish Euch, The Dean; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), The Ven RH Roberts; 12.15 Holy Euch, Lady Chapel; 3.30 Procession for Advent; 6.30 E and Sermon, Rev S P Kirk.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Hymne a la Vierge (Villette), Advent Prose (Plainsong), Canon David Atkinson; 3 Eve Prayer (Said); 6.30 Advent Carol S.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Treasurer; 10 S Euch, The Litany sung in Procession, Lloyd Hereford S, Ego sum panis vivus (Palestrina Trad arr. Pettman), Choral Prelude Wachet auf (Bach), The Dean; 5 EP; 6 County Youth Advent Carol S.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Reading), benedictus in C (Stanford), And the glory of the Lord (Handel), Canon Paul bates; 11.15 Euch, Missa Trinitatis Sanctae (Grier), Hosanna to th Son of David (Weelkes), Lord God of our Fathers (Grier), The Dean; 3 E, Blair in B minor, O Lord arise (Weelkes), Rev Jane Richards; 6.30 Advent Processional S with Candlelight.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10 MP; 10.30 SM, Mass for five voices (Berkeley), Vigilate (Byrd), A hymn of St Columba (Britten), Le Monde dans l'attente du Sauveur (Messiaen); 2.30 Organ Recital, Iain Simcock; 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat octavi toni (plainsong), Komm, Jesu, Komm (Bach), Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Bach).

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, There is a flow'r sprung of a tree (Stanley Venn), Fugue sur le nom d'Alain (Durufle), The Dean; 3.30 The Advent Carol S.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 LM; 10 LM (family); 11.30 SM; Mass in A (Casciolini), Ave Verum (Elgar), Rev James Sheahan.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Benedicite (Ashfield in F), Benedictus (Stanford in C), The Dean; 11.30 HC, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Hosanna to the son of David (Gibbons); 3.15 E, The first service (Moore), Canite tuba in Sion (Handl), Nun konn der heiden heiland (Bach), Rev Christopher Hill.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd), Rejoice in the Lord always (Purcell), Prof P Stoward; 6.30 Choral Eve, The Second Service (Byrd), Jesus Christ the apple tree (Piccolo), The Provost.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa 'Aeterna Christi munera' (Palestrina), Laetentur coeli (Byrd), Angela Tilby; 6 E&B, The Short Service (Caustun), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev C A Jones.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Advent Sunday, Rev Preb Richard Bewes; 6.30 Advent Sunday Rev John Cook.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Western Wind Mass (Taverner), Canite tuba in Sion (Guerrero), O come ye servants (Tye).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children's S; 11 M, Matin Responsory (Palestrina), O Thou the central orb (Wood), Rev P Elvy; 6 Eve, Toccata in C (Pachelbel), Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev James Weatherhead; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Conditor alme siderum (Praetorius), Missa: Dixit Maria (Hassler), Alma Redemptoris Mater (Palestrina).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal S, Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal S, Rev Tom Gillum.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V&B; 11 Missa Dixit Maria (Hassler), Ad te levavi (Palestrina); 3.30 Ne timeas Maria (Victoria).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Stuart J Burgess, Chairman York & Hull District.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M Responses (Morley), TD Gibbons (Short S), Call to remembrance (Farrant), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 Advent Carol S.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite), Noble in B minor, Ave Maria (Byrd), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Advent Carol S.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Mattins, Benedicite (Purcell), Benedictus Short S (Gibbons), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev GB McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 3 Scottish Festival S; 6.30 Rev John H McIndoe.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung M, Plainsong mass for a meane (Sheppard), Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 (Bach).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jesu the very thought of Thee (Bairstow), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa sine Nomine (Ortona), Out of the Deep (Tompkins), David Loftus; 6 Christingle, Advent S for Children.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Leighton in D, Ne timeas Maria (Victoria), Fantasy "Lo he comes" (Leighton), Rev Derek Watson; 6.30 Advent Carol S, Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur, Symphonie Passion (Dupré).

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Rejoice in the Lord alway, Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Wood in the Phrygian mode, Audivi Vocem (Tallis), Canon Anthony Harvey.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662); 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London S, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese S, Rev Gilbert Lee, 5 Choral Eve; 6.30 Advent Carol S.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Fr Bill Scott; 6 Solemn E&B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass Setting (Plainsong), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Jesu, flos matris virginis (Palestrina), Rev Sally Webster; 6 Advent Carol S.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, The Rector: 6.30 Advent Carol S.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch & HC, Whitlock in G, This is the record of John (Gibbons); 3.15 Advent Procession with Carols.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9, HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), O Thou the Central Orb (Wood), The Advent Prose, Rev Henry Ruschmeyer; 6.30 Advent Carol S.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M and Sermon, Benedicite (Purcell), Benedictus (Chant), Vigilate (Byrd), Canon J G M W Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Canon G S Pedley.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M and Litany, Dyson in F, Jubilate (Healey Willan Fauxbourdons), Litany (Loosemore); 3.30 Advent Carol S.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis and Canite tuba (Palestrina), Dialogue sur les grand jeux (Guillain); 6.30 Advent Carol S.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum, Gibbons (Short S), Dies Irae (Mozart), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30, 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis (Walton), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Organ Voluntary, Final (Symphony No. 3) (Louis Vierne), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Advent Responsary (Palestrina), Vox dicentis clama (Naylor), Toccata for Band (Erickson), Band of the Blues and Royals, The Chaplain; 12 HC (Said).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, O Christ who art the light (Whyte), O Thou the central orb (Wood), The Chaplain.

I frustrate false prophets and their omens, and make fools of diviners; I reverse what wise men say and make nonsense of their wisdom.
Isaiah 44 : 25 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABBOTT - On 16th November, to Christopher and Lorraine (née Sando), a son, Toby Nicholas, a brother for Benjamin.

BROOKS - On November 22nd at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Lena and Kevin, a daughter, Anna Kristina, a sister for Madelaine, Nicholas and Johan.

CAVANAGH - On 13th November, to John and Amanda (née Bright), a son, Thomas Robert Fraser.

COPPEN - On November 25th 1993, to Regina and Michael, a son, Daniel James Michael, a brother for Victoria.

DAVIES - On Thursday 25th November 1993, to Judith and Tony, a daughter, Katherine Rebecca.

FRASER - On November 24th, to Lucy (née Roper-Curzon) and Bertie, a daughter, Eliza Wedderburn, 7lbs 14oz, and a sister for Thomas.

GIBBS - On Thursday 25th November 1993, to Ann and Paul, a son, Breyon Joshua, a brother for Chris.

HARDIE - On November 24th, to Alistair and Sally (née Radmore), a son, William, a brother for Peter and Simon.

NEILSON - On 25th November at St George's Hospital, London SW17, to Alison (née Green) and John, a daughter, Laura Kathryn, a sister for Alastair.

OVEY - On November 20th at Pembury Hospital, to Heather (née Jefferyes) and Michael, a precious gift from God, a son, Charles George. We love you Charlie.

SINGLETON - On 24th November, to Amelia (née Paget) and Andrew, a son, Henry Edward, a brother for Isabella.

STRONG - On 25th November, to Sarah and Michael, a son, Magnus John Patrick, a brother for Lucy and Theodore.

WOLSTENHOLME - On 24th November 1993, to Irene (née Wood) and Peter, a son, Arthur James Hartley.

DEATHS

BATES - Peacefully in Swanage Hospital after a long illness, on November 23rd 1993, Jean M. aged 78 years. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church on Thursday December 2nd at 3 pm. Flowers or donations for Swanage Lifeboat to James Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road, Swanage tel: (0929) 422445.

BLACKBURNE - Barbara, on 25th November peacefully after a short illness. Devoted mother of Robin and David. Dearly loved by friends and family all over the world. Funeral at St Mary's, Stoke d'Abernon, on Wednesday 1st December at 10.45 am. Enquiries to Kenyons, (071) 937-0757.

BRIDGE - On November 25th 1993, Christopher Charles Cyprian, peacefully at home. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Firle, near Lewes, 2 pm Friday December 3rd 1993. All welcome.

D'ARCY - On November 22nd in York District Hospital, John Clarence aged 77 years of York and formerly of Greece. Funeral service and cremation at York Crematorium, Monday December 6th 3 pm. Enquiries to J.G. Fielder & Son Funeral Directors (0904) 654460.

de GALLEANI - On November 24th, suddenly in hospital, Joan Hulda (née Maynard), beloved wife of George and mother of Juliet, Clare and Simon; much loved grandmother and mother-in-law. Funeral at St Michael's Church, St Albans, on Thursday 2nd December at 11.30 am. Please, no flowers but donations, if desired, to the National Meningitis Trust, Fern House, Bath Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 3TJ.

FARMAR - Norman Edward on 22nd November, beloved husband of Betty and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Petworth, 1st December 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to St Wilfrids Hospice, Chichester.

FARRELL - Carola Elisabeth, formerly Naper (née Darley) born January 11th 1923, peacefully 26th November 1993 at Boya W. Australia.

HAMILTON - Irene, wife of the late John Douglas Hamilton of Henley-on-Thames, peacefully at home on 23rd November. Funeral at Reading Crematorium on Tuesday 30th November at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL.

HANCOCK - On November 23rd, Canon Martin Aidan. Requiem at Brentwood Cathedral, 11 am Friday 3rd December.

HARE - On November 25th, peacefully at home, after an illness bravely borne, Doreen (née Ram) aged 78, beloved wife of Richard George Windham and much loved mother of Vivian, Caroline and Virginia. Funeral Service will be held at the family church, Christchurch, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork at 11.30 am followed by burial.

LINDSAY - James Edward, schoolmaster of Swanage Grammar School, peacefully at Swanage Hospital on 25th November 1993. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Monday 6th December at 2pm. Enquiries to James Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road, Swanage tel: (0929) 422445.

LOCK - John Michael, at home 23rd November, much loved husband of Averill, father of Alison, Christopher and Rosamund and grandfather of Alistair and Elisabeth. Cremation private. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Madresfield, on Thursday 2nd December at 2pm. If desired donations to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

NORMAN - Edward Frederick peacefully on November 24th, aged 84. Loving husband of the late Marjorie, beloved father of Anne and grandfather of Caroline. Loved and respected by all who knew him. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday December 2nd at 11.30 am. Flowers welcome to A & W Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet.

ROHAN - On November 23rd, suddenly, Ronald David aged 57 years of Fairfax Close, Ampleforth, Master at Ampleforth College. A beloved brother of Jerry, Pat, John, Pen, Dorine and Ken, a dear brother-in-law and uncle. Requiem Mass at Ampleforth Abbey, Monday November 29th at 12 noon. Prayers at Our Lady and St Benedict's Church, Ampleforth, at 1.30 pm followed by interment.

SACHER - Gustav, wellknown teacher of singing, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Ealing on November 26th. The funeral will take place on the morning of Friday 3rd December in Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire.

TILNEY - On November 26th at Flowerdown Nursing Home, Winchester, Angela aged 80. Loving wife of the late James Tilney and beloved mother and grandmother of Hugh, Max and Henry. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Easton, near Winchester, on Monday November 29th at 3 pm. Enquiries to Jno. Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester, (0962) 844044.

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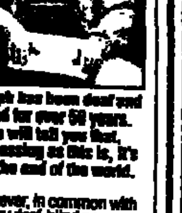
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- and -
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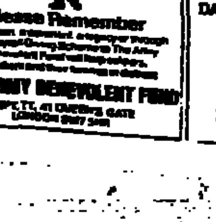
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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES MOULTON

Major-General James Moulton, CB, DSO, OBE, Chief of Amphibious Warfare, 1957-61, died on November 22 aged 87. He was born on June 3, 1906.



AS COMMANDER of 48 Royal Marine Commando, James Moulton had a distinguished war, leading his unit through some of the toughest fighting of the northwest Europe campaign. But his country's greatest debt to him lies in the innovations he effected during his time as Chief of Amphibious Warfare. He arrived in this post at a time when the ships of the Amphibious Warfare Squadron were desperately in need of replacement if Britain was to retain the capability to mount military expeditions overseas. He realised that the Navy needed purpose-built ships, able to transport troops, tanks and other vehicles long distances at speed, and to get them ashore.

Yet in Whitehall there was a strong core of opposition to such a notion. The lessons of *Suez — in which the seaborne* assault force had taken seven days to reach Port Said from Malta — had not been digested. There were many at the top who could not conceive that Britain would ever again be required to land armoured forces on distant beaches in the teeth of armed opposition.

Moulton persisted, and by arguing his proposals skilfully — directly to the individual vice-chiefs of staff — eventually got his way. The result was the building of the Royal Navy's first large assault ship *Fearless* (to be followed by a sister ship *Intrepid*) and the smaller *Lancelot*, the first of a class of logistic landing ships. These vessels proved their worth during the Falklands campaign, carrying a substantial proportion of the land forces and vehicles to the South Atlantic and providing a springboard for the assault. Without them the operation would scarcely have been conceivable. Certainly, it would have been incomparably more hazardous. Thus, although he had retired twenty years before it took place, Moulton deserves to be regarded as one of the farseeing architects of the Falklands victory.

James Louis Moulton was educated at Sutton Valence School, commissioned into the Royal Marines in 1924 and served from 1927 in the battleship *Rodney*. He saw little opportunity for the exercise of initiative in big ships and, when appointed to HMS *Revenge*, he applied to join the Fleet Air Arm. Gaining his wings, he spent the next five years in torpedo bomber and fleet spotter squadrons in the Mediterranean and the Far East.

When the aircraft carrier *Eagle* returned home for a refit in 1935, Moulton's squadron was left ashore in Malta. He thought this would affect his promotion prospects and decided to leave the Fleet Air Arm and return to general service. In fact, he was mistaken; he had already been slated for promotion. But his mistake was the service's gain. From then on his career tended towards combined operations.

At Dunkirk he played a valuable role in the evacuation, working on the beaches and the mole in the final stages of the crisis. In mid-1942 he was in the combined military and naval force which took over Madagascar from the Vichy French. This operation was designed to pre-empt a possible first strike by the Japanese, then at the apogee of their power and threatening to break into the Indian Ocean and menace East Africa.

When, late in 1943, six Commandos were formed from the infantry battalions of the Royal Marine Division, Moulton did not get a command. He was disappointed. But when it was decided that the invasion of Europe would require one more Commando, No 48, he was appointed to lead it.

In a short time he worked it up to a superb state of battle readiness. This paid off when, on D-Day, No 48 found itself approaching Juno beach in anything but ideal conditions. Heavy surf, underwater obstacles and relentless machinegun fire from onshore threatened to turn the landing into a disaster. But, realising that nothing in amphibious operations can be taken for granted, Moulton had taken the precaution of having light mortars installed in his landing craft. These now poured a rain of smoke bombs on to the beaches, blinding the enemy's gunners. This enabled 48 Commando to scramble ashore and, although casualties were still high, Moulton's steadying influence enabled the survivors to get off the beach and regroup behind the dunes in good heart. By the end of the second day ashore they had seized all their intended objectives.

Awarded the DSO for his part in the landings, Moulton led his commando from the Normandy beach-head to the crossing of the Belgian frontier in the late autumn of 1944.

A further severe test of fortitude and leadership awaited him in November at Walcheren. This was the heavily defended Dutch island at the mouth of the River Scheldt whose continued occupation by the Germans nullified the Allied capture of the potentially invaluable supply port of Antwerp. Attacking in bitter weather on that bleak coast, 48 Commando went ashore to the south of Westkapelle at the island's westernmost extremity. The defending garrison numbered 10,000 men, supported by batteries of artillery embedded in concrete. Wire, anti-tank ditches and obstacles of all kinds abounded, making this "gateway" to Antwerp one of the most heavily fortified places in occupied Europe. Enemy resistance was fierce, with many units fighting almost to the last man. Advancing along the coast from Westkapelle, 48 Commando took Zoutelande, while 47 Commando entered Flushing. With other Marine and Army units attacking from the east, Walcheren finally surrendered after ten days of tough fighting. After the battle Moulton was put in charge of 4 Commando Brigade which he commanded until the end of the war.

Among his postwar appointments was a spell on the staff of the Commandant General Royal Marines. In a period of severe government cuts this gave Moulton invaluable experience of life in the Whitehall bureaucratic jungle, which was to stand him in good stead.

From May 1952 he was in command of 3 Commando Brigade in the Mediterranean. Here, in joint exercises with the Amphibious Warfare Squadron and its wartime vintage landing craft, he was in a good position to assess its pitiful inability to wage long-range operations under modern conditions. Looking around him, he was quick to see what strides the US Marine Corps was making in the use of ship-borne helicopters. All these factors informed his vision when he later became Chief of Amphibious Warfare and contributed to making his tenure of the post such a decisive one.

Moulton retired in 1961, but continued to be influential in defence matters as both editor and writer. He was successively naval editor, 1964-69, and editor, 1969-73, of *Brassey's Annual*, and wrote a number of books. Among them were *Haste to the Battle* (1963), the story of 48 Commando; *Defence in a Changing World* (1964); and *The Norwegian Campaign of 1940* (1966). *British Maritime Strategy in the 1970s*, published for the Royal United Service Institution (1969), was a critique of what Moulton saw as Britain's failure to exercise its traditional naval role in the European theatre. His history, *The Royal Marines* (1972), appeared in a revised and expanded edition in 1981.

He leaves his widow Barbara, a son and a daughter.

JAMES STERN

James Stern, man of letters, died on November 22 aged 88. He was born in Ireland on December 26, 1904.



THE fog to which W. H. Auden expressed gratitude in the title-poem of his final collection — *Thank You, Fog* (1974) — was that which had enveloped James and Tania Stern's country home where the poet spent his last Christmas. While the finest of Stern's short stories may continue to be anthologised — a fresh selection, with an introduction by William Boyd, awaits a publisher — it is probably for his rare talents for friendship and correspondence that he will be best remembered. He was a beguiling raconteur, a rewardingly curious listener and a marvellous letter-writer.

James Andrew Stern was the eldest child of an English army officer of Continental Jewish stock and of an elegant, hard-riding Irish mother. From County Meath he was sent to Eton and Sandhurst, to farm in Southern Rhodesia and to work in the family's bank in Frankfurt (where he was a barman at night), before a chance encounter with Alan Pryce-Jones secured him a job with J. C. Squire on *The London Mercury*, and fixed him in the literary world.

The Heartless Land, a first collection of short stories drawing upon his African experience, appeared in 1932 and showed an assured eye for landscape, vigorous language and a sympathy with outsiders. A second collection, *Something Wrong* (1938), treated mostly with the terrors and confusions of childhood, and was dedicated to Brian Howard. *The Man Who Was Loved* (1952) drew from the two previous volumes and added five more stories: its title came to be almost synonymous with its author.

In 1935 Stern married Constanze Kurella, daughter of an intellectual Berlin doctor and perhaps, like himself, something of a refugee. Tanjim, as many friends knew the couple, lived in Paris where she taught a system of remedial exercise, with a sojourn in Portugal sharing a house with Christopher Isherwood and his boyfriend Heinz in 1936. They moved to New York in 1939. Here she established a new studio and he found new feet as a critic, writing lead reviews for *The New York Times* Book Review.

He particularly promoted the Anglo-Irish Joyce Cary, while his championship of Patrick White led to an important correspondence and to mutually enjoyed "disagreements on railway platforms". He also undertook numerous translations from the German, and his wife collaborated in versions of texts by Kafka, Brecht, Hofmannsthal, Mann and Freud, whose family she had known in childhood.

In 1945 Stern revisited Germany as an interviewer for the US Strategic Bombing Survey. His account of this journey, *The Hidden Damage* (1947), is by far his most substantial and perhaps his most successful work: a blend of carefully observed reportage and elegiac reminiscence, it incidentally includes some hilarious glimpses of Auden, transparently disguised as "Mervyn," who was a member of the same team. Having got "lost" in Roger Senhouse's office at Secker & Warburg, it was not published in this country until 1990, furnished with a new introduction by Stephen Spender.

The Sterns returned to England in 1957, finally settling in an exquisite small stone manor-house in Wiltshire. From there he produced sporadic autobiographical snippets for *The London Magazine* and *The Irish Times*, and dealt conscientiously and courteously with the "brain-pickers" who beat a relentless path to his door. Few, alas, troubled to consider what was so special about Stern himself that he had inspired the devotion of Auden and White, of Samuel Beckett, Djuna Barnes, Malcolm Lowry, Harold Acton, William Plomer, of Lewis Mumford, Kay Boyle, Alexander Calder, Walker Evans, and countless others.

Stern had the spare, wiry build of the steeplechase jockey he had almost become and in later years, his small head bearded and bespectacled, he came to bear some resemblance to James Joyce, whom, almost inevitably, he had met in Paris. In his pale eyes there were combined both a knowing twinkle and a lasting childlike wonder. He is survived by his wife.

EMMA McCUNE

Emma McCune, British aid worker, died in a car accident in Nairobi, Kenya, on November 24 aged 29. She was born in India on February 3, 1964.



EMMA McCUNE was a middle-class English aid worker from Bradford who married a senior commander of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), one of the most active guerrilla leaders in the area. Her home for the last two years was among kalashnikov-carrying soldiers in a compound of mud huts, deep in the swampy outback of Southern Sudan, and reached only by a four-hour flight from Nairobi and a 15-minute boat ride along one of the tributaries of the Nile.

A six foot tall, convent-educated girl with a degree in the history of art, Emma McCune worked for several years in war-torn Sudan before meeting the charismatic, English-educated Riek Machar. They immediately found common ground in their fears for the local population of children, in a country where 50,000 youngsters, often only seven years old, have been taken from their families and put in special "schools" for military training.

In marrying Machar, she went further than any expatriate had ever gone towards being accepted into Southern Sudanese society, though she objected to the idea that she had "gone native". Instead, being Machar's wife gave her unique responsibilities. The "hawaja Dinka" — or foreign Dinka as she was affectionately known — was treated by the soldiers not as a woman, but an honorary man. "They know I am educated," she said, "they know that I can help them. And I can play a mediation role because I am not affiliated to one tribe."

Emma Alison Lewis McCune was the eldest of five children born to a tea planter in India. She was educated at the Convent of the Assumption in Richmond, North Yorkshire, and studied art history at Oxford Polytechnic. After graduating she took off with a friend on a year's trip across the globe to Australia in a single-engined aircraft.

On her return to Oxford, she worked for the Refugee Study Group and was moved by the plight of the Southern Sudanese, a largely Christian population dominated by Arab and fiercely Islamic northerners. She went out to Khartoum for six months before starting an MA in East African history and politics at London University. Finally she arrived in Southern Sudan in 1988, with the intention of writing her dissertation.

Instead, she was offered a job with Street Kids International, a Canadian based organisation, and began to coordinate a schooling programme for war-displaced children. Local teachers were eager to become involved in the project, even though they were often unpaid, and classes had to be held informally under trees.

Emma McCune never complained about the living conditions, and her resourcefulness was exemplary. She knew her way around the engine of "Brutus" — her Toyota Landcruiser, how to engineer a landing strip for C-130 Hercules aircraft and how to run a laptop computer on solar power. Her work bought her into contact with the SPLA and with Riek Machar, one of its senior commanders. They were finally married in the summer of 1991, Emma becoming his second wife (his first Sudanese wife lives with their two children in England).

Conditions at Machar's two-room mud hut near the devastated town of Nasir were primitive in the extreme. There was no running water, no bathroom, and everything had to be cooked over wood fires. Bats hung from the ceiling and their diet mainly consisted of fried Nile perch and sour bread. McCune was bitten by rats and scorpions and endured amoebic dysentry. Her one concession to comfort was the light provided by a solar panel, but even this had its problems, attracting thousands of mosquitoes, moths, crickets, and the inevitable frogs which fed on them. And yet to the occasional foreign journalist who ventured to interview her, she seemed serenely happy and content, missing none of her creature comforts.

The biggest danger to her existence was the war, particularly after her husband and two other commanders broke with John Garang, the SPLA's autocratic leader. Emma found herself caught in the middle of a propaganda battle, with the Garang faction accusing her of acting as a British spy and of encouraging her husband's disloyalty. Earlier this year she narrowly escaped an ambush by rival rebels in the town of Kongor. "There are some people out there who would gladly put a bullet through my head," she said. Her employers, Street Kids International, felt last year that they had no option but to sack her in order to safeguard the success of their project.

Emma, who was five months pregnant with her first child when her car was involved with a head-on collision with a minibus, had planned to stay in the relative safety of Nairobi for the duration of her pregnancy. She was known there as an outspoken advocate for her husband's cause.

Riek Machar, who carries on the armed struggle, survives her.

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At present it is very difficult from the meagre information available to piece together the story of the loss of the Bulwark. There are few, if any, survivors who were actually in the vessel when the explosion occurred, and the whole thing took place so rapidly that it is largely a matter of conjecture as to what happened in those two or three fateful moments which reduced the Bulwark from a useful warship of 15,000 tons to a battered hulk and the death trap of more than 700 men.

Residents of Sheerness agree that in its violence and horror the explosion was unique. When at a few minutes to 8 o'clock the roaring, rumbling sound was heard by almost everybody on the Isle of Sheppey, and by many of the residents of the mainland, the first assumption was that a Zeppelin raid had become an accomplished fact, and that the first bombs had been dropped on English soil. But there was no reply from the defences, and the ominous silence which followed, with the cloud of dense smoke which hung over the river for some minutes, prepared people for something much worse.

In Sheerness itself the loss of the Bulwark was soon known, but at 4 o'clock this afternoon I found people at Lower Rainham, within a short distance, who had heard the explosion, but did not know the reason. Very few people on land seem to have witnessed the actual blowing-up of the ship, but a carter at Halstowe says that he heard the report, and looking towards the river saw the Bulwark suddenly become enveloped in flames.

Immediately afterwards there were dense clouds of smoke, first black and yellow and then white, and when they lifted the ship had disappeared entirely. Everything happened so quickly that it was impossible to render the slightest assistance. By the time that vessels lying within reach could launch their boats the tragedy of a couple of minutes was complete. The shock of the explosion was felt on many of the ships at anchor near by.

From the fact that the explosion occurred a few minutes before 8 o'clock it is assumed that most of the crew were either at breakfast or below decks, and their chance of escape was, therefore, of the slightest. That there are any survivors at all seems to be due to the fact that some of the men were not in the Bulwark at the minute the explosion occurred. A few of the men were on their way to the ship in one of the communication vessels, which runs from Chatham Dockyard, and a few more were in their own picket boat. Some of the crew may have been on leave, a point upon which there was some doubt to-night but the bitter fact remains that of the vessel's complement of 780 somewhere about 750 have lost their lives. Any survivors there may be have been taken to Chatham. It is feared that if any other bodies are recovered the task of identification will be a difficult one.

ON THIS DAY

November 27 1914

An inquiry into the explosion in which only 12 survived from the ship's complement of 780, failed to find a reason for it. War-time censorship must have been in its early stages to have permitted the news to be reported on the following day.

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 1993

NEWS

Community service for Levitt

■ The failed financial adviser Roger Levitt walked free from court with a token sentence yesterday after admitting lying to regulators over the collapse of his investment group.

Levitt, 44, was sentenced to 180 hours' community service and disqualified from serving as a director for seven years after the demise of The Levitt Group, which collapsed three years ago with debts of £34 million ..... Pages 1, 3

Welfare state row resumes

■ The government was embroiled in a pre-Budget controversy over the future of the welfare state after John Major backed Peter Lilley's call for a scaling down of the £80 billion-a-year cradle-to-grave system..... Pages 1, 17, 26-27

The Hitler plot

Hitler planned a secret pact with America promising German assistance in the war against Japan if President Roosevelt abandoned Britain, secret documents reveal ..... Pages 1, 8, 9, 16, 17

Dangerous fog

Thick fog blanketed much of the South East, bringing dozens of road accidents, including several pile-ups ..... Pages 1, 20

Police criticised

The Lord Chief Justice hit back at police and others who tried to justify interviewing techniques condemned by a judge as "oppressive" in the recent George Heron trial ..... Page 2

Truce on the way

A senior Unionist claimed that the IRA was planning to call a ceasefire next week ..... Page 2

Cricketer cleared

A jury unanimously cleared a South African cricketer of raping a woman beside the Henley rowing course ..... Page 3

Woman's award

A tribunal awarded £172,912 to Nichola Cannock, who served as a senior RAF engineering officer during the Falklands war and was then dismissed after becoming pregnant ..... Page 5

Warning of war

With the announcement that white-only rule in South Africa is likely to end next week, there came a volley of warnings of civil war ..... Page 11

Accord nearer

Fresh evidence is emerging that, after months of hostility, France is edging towards acceptance of a Gatt trade accord ..... Page 12

Hamas leader shot

Israeli security forces shot dead a second Palestinian guerrilla leader belonging to the militant Hamas movement ..... Page 13

Protection plea

Tapping his flak jacket, a private waiting for a convoy to cross a notorious front line said: "It's nothing more than a heavy body warmer" ..... Page 15

Mr Chalk gets his slice of cheese

■ This was the wedding every Washington pundit has been waiting for: chalk ties the knot with cheese, Republican walks the aisle with Democrat. At Thanksgiving James Carville, Clinton's campaign manager, and Mary Matalin, his rival strategist in the Bush campaign, finally married ..... Page 11

CHRIS HARRIS



Young deer locking antlers in the late afternoon mist that shrouded Richmond Park in London yesterday. Fog blanket, page 1

BUSINESS

Lorry rescue: One of the most ambitious of corporate rescues in British industrial history has reached fruition with a £12 million deal to sell the Albion axle plant, part of the crashed Anglo-Dutch lorry maker Leyland DAF, to its management ..... Page 21

Industrial espionage: The German car-maker Volkswagen has produced an external report that apparently exonerates the group from allegations about stolen documents; but the row looks likely to continue ..... Page 21

NatWest duo: Patricia Tehan meets the pair under whose leadership the National Westminster shed its bureaucratic image ..... Page 23

Markets: The benefits of the falling oil price were the focus of attention on the stock market, the FT-SE 100 Index adding 18.3, to 3111.4. Profit-taking sent sterling's trade-weighted index into reverse, down 0.5 at 81.2 ..... Pages 21, 24

SPORT

Football: Terry Butcher, the former England captain, has been dismissed as manager of Sunderland. The club's chairman, Bob Murray, has resigned as chairman, although he will remain on the board ..... Page 40

Rugby Union: England run out against New Zealand at Twickenham today hoping to record their first win over the All Blacks since 1983. David Hands assesses their chances ..... Page 40

Cricket: Australia were 329 for two wickets at the end of the first day's play in the second Test against New Zealand in Hobart. David Boon scored an unbeaten 105 and Michael Slater hit 168, the highest score of his career ..... Page 32

Racing: Gordon Richards says Whispering Steel must triumph in today's Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury if he is to be considered seriously as a Cheltenham Gold Cup prospect ..... Page 37

WEEKEND

Libby Purves: "Sitting up 7lb lighter, I felt groggy, stiff, scarred and entirely wonderful" — how surgery ended years of bra-hunting misery for one bow-fronted woman ..... Page 1

Enoch Powell: For Advent, a seasonal celebration of the dramatic role played by God's winged messengers in the Annunciation and the Resurrection ..... Page 12

Great escapes: If Christmas sends you running for your suitcases, we offer a variety of suggestions for a holiday getaway, at home and abroad ..... Page 2

Food and drink: The geese are getting fat — and Henrietta Green knows where to buy the best of these and other Christmas fare that Britain can produce ..... Page 4

Tree spree: All over Britain next weekend trees will sprout weird and wonderful fruit, from wind chimes to lanterns. Derwent May explains why ..... Page 7

ARTS

Who, or Why? *The Iron Man*, a new musical at the Young Vic is the result of a liaison between Ted Hughes and Who guitarist Pete Townshend. "Never mind The Who", says Benedict Nightingale. "It was The Why which preoccupied me" ..... Weekend page 16

Veteran voice: Barbara Cook, 65, one of the veterans of the Broadway musical stage, returns to Britain this week for a cabaret residence at the Café Royal. *"If Frank Sinatra can do it at 78, why can't I?"* the singer asks ..... Weekend page 16

Last waltz: London Contemporary Dance Theatre has opened possibly its last season at Sadler's Wells Theatre; next year the company will re-form and perform in smaller venues ..... Weekend page 16

Polished performance: On the South Bank the composer Krysztof Penderecki's 60th birthday was marked with a performance of his music ..... Weekend page 16

VISION

Chauvinist City: "I like Hollywood women, they are provocative," says David Green, producer of a Tinseltown documentary ..... Page 3

Paths of true lust: *A Woman's Guide to Adultery* is a tough feminist polemic ..... Page 5

OPINION

Memos from "C"

The release yesterday of 1,300 top secret intelligence reports drawn up in 1941 and 1942 is potentially one of the most exciting developments in Churchillian scholarship for many years ..... Page 17

Foggy days in town

Westminster's atmosphere is getting soupier. This is not necessarily to the prime minister's disadvantage. His opponents are wandering about like the pedestrians after last week's London Underground failures ..... Page 17

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Thanksgiving's intimacy has always been vulnerable. Last Thursday President Clinton went with Hillary to serve food for down-and-outs. The church's pastor was frank: "This is a boost for us and it's a boost for him" ..... Page 16

JAMES LINGWOOD

This culture of the lowest common denominator is exemplified by the three councillors of Bow who insisted on the immediate demolition of *House* on the night Rachel Whiteread was awarded the Turner Prize ..... Page 16

The royals

The real role and the screen image of the Prince of Wales ..... Page 17

The media

The press is sometimes irresponsible; the best cure is to allow a free play of news and opinion and let the voters decide

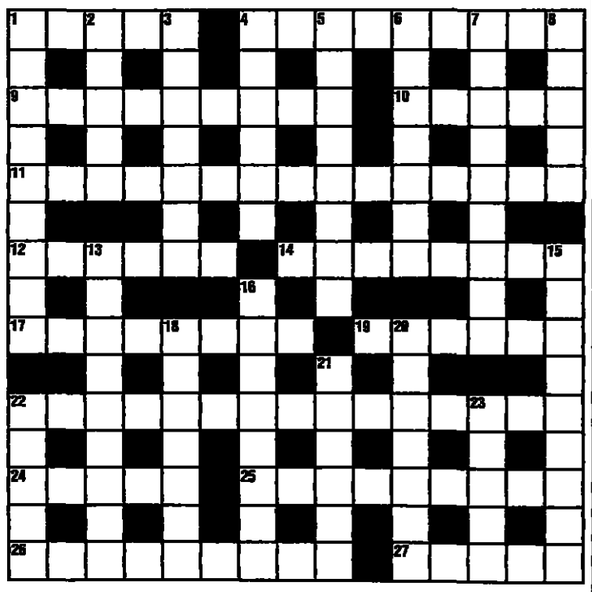
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,399

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A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address .....



ACROSS

1 Flick one, in turn (5).
4 Red rock contains a fissure (9).
9 Return part of garment — one side (9).
10 Cock hat being worn (5).
11 One's no longer working, having improperly ignored one lapse (3,3,9).
12 Cleric interrupting bishop about to go too far (6).
14 Exceptional eclipse — a freak (8).
17 Formerly engaged with survey (4-4).
19 Run right into cook (6).
22 Mountain horse for sale? (4,2,3,6).
24 Encountered quiet, retiring spirits (5).
25 Suddenly together (3,2,4).
26 Fabric author used in handicraft (9).
27 Bloomers that were responsible for wars (5).

DOWN

1 Pack up work, look up old traveller (5,4).
2 Striking old Roman figures (5).
3 Angered, to put it another way (7).
4 Conservative drop-out becomes a carpenter (6).
5 May one, when one's enclosed, turn into a saint? (8).
6 Tend to bend (7).
7 Dear old partner in a brown study (9).
8 What's put inside the ship? (5).
13 Truce none broke in battle (9).
15 Untold millions wear the silliest materials (9).
16 Rejoin a race in a straight stretch (8).
18 Marsupial giving observation post a big problem (7).
20 Vehicle taking so-called road over the hill (7).
21 Like the rim of a wheel, we hear (6).
22 Melancholy and dreary places (5).
23 College honours book (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,393

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Winners of last Saturday's competition are: H Roberts, Pond Road, London; D J Caldecott-Smith, Hillside, Bowerchalke, Nr Salisbury, Wilts; Dr A V Stachulski, Lowerfold, Gt Harwood, Blackburn, Lancs; N Simons, Mona St, Amlwch, Anglesey; R J M Reed, Park Way, Knaresborough, N Yorks.

WEATHER

Scotland should be dry for much of the day with some brightness in the east. Later, cloud may thicken to give light rain or drizzle in the far west. Northern Ireland will be cloudy but dry, with light rain towards evening in the west. England and Wales will be murky with widespread mist and cloud covering hills. Eastern areas will again have persistent fog, particularly in the South East. Outlook: cloud and rain in west, foggy in east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Madrid	9	48	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	13	55	r	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	2	36	fg	Melb'rne	28	82	s
Athens	8	46	f	Mexico C*	20	68	c
Bahrain	27	81	s	Miami*	24	75	c
Bangkok	29	84	f	Milan	4	39	f
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	-6	18	s
Barcelona	14	57	s	Moscow	-9	16	s
Beirut	20	68	f	Munich	-3	27	c
Belgrade	-3	27	c	Nairobi	20	68	f
Berlin	-2	28	c	Naples	13	55	f
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N Delhi	23	73	s
Biarritz	11	52	f	N York*	1	34	s
Borde'x	9	48	s	Nice	14	57	s
Brussels	-1	30	fg	Oslo	-2	28	sn
Budapst	1	34	c	Paris	2	36	s
B Aires*	18	64	r	Peking	6	43	s
Cairo	22	72	f	Perth	21	70	f
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Prague	-3	27	s
Chicago*	4	39	r	Reykjavik	6	43	r
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rhodes	14	57	s
Cologne	2	36	s	Rio de J	29	84	f
C'ptwn	2	36	c	Riyadh	30	86	s
Corfu	12	54	f	Rome	13	55	f
Dublin	8	46	s	Salzburg	-2	28	f
Dubrovnik	11	52	s	S F'risco*	10	50	s
Faro	17	63	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	10	50	f	Seoul	8	46	c
Frankfurt	-1	30	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	18	64	s	St'kholm	-2	28	c
Geneva	1	34	c	Staab'rg	-2	28	c
Gibraltar	16	64	s	Sydney	22	72	f
Helsinki	1	34	c	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	c
Innsbruck	-2	28	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	3	37	r	Tokyo	14	57	f
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	-6	21	sn
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Tunis	19	66	s
Karachi	30	86	s	Valencia	17	63	s
L Palmas	18	66	s	Vanc'ver*	-1	30	s
Le Touet	5	41	f	Venice	5	41	f
Lisbon	12	54	s	Vienna	-3	27	f
Locarno	6	43	s	Warsaw	-3	27	c
L Angels*	20	68	s	Wash'ton*	3	37	c
Luxembg	5	41	s	Wel'ngton	14	57	f
Luxor	27	81	s	Zurich	-3	27	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 3.58 pm to 7.38 am
Bristol 4.08 pm to 7.48 am
Edinburgh 3.48 pm to 8.13 am
Manchester 3.57 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 4.25 pm to 7.54 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.38 am — Sun sets: 3.58 pm
Moon rises: 2.53 pm — Moon sets: 5.44 am
Full moon November 29

London 3.57 pm to 7.40 am
Bristol 4.07 pm to 7.49 am
Edinburgh 3.47 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 3.56 pm to 7.57 am
Penzance 4.25 pm to 7.55 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.40 am — Sun sets: 3.57 pm
Moon rises: 3.28 pm — Moon sets: 6.48 am
Full moon tomorrow

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.7	0.03	5	41	cloudy
Anglesey	0.6	0.12	9	48	rain
Aviemore	1.3	0.01	4	39	rain
Belfast	3.4	0.06	8	46	rain
Birmingham	3.1	0.18	10	50	bright
Bognor Regis	3.7	0.04	10	50	sunny
Bournemouth	3.6	0.01	12	54	sunny
Bristol	3.0	0.15	11	52	bright
Buxton	2.3	0.18	6	43	rain
Cardiff	2.6	0.15	11	52	bright
Clacton	6.4	-	9	48	sunny
Cromer	4.7	0.02	8	46	sunny
Edinburgh	1.1	0.03	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.17	6	43	rain
Exmouth	1.2	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	2.8	0.04	11	52	bright
Folkestone	2.8	0.06	9	48	bright
Glasgow	-	0.25	6	43	rain
Hastings	3.6	0.06	11	52	bright
Hunstanton	3.4	0.09	8	46	bright
Isle of Man	1.2	0.09	12	54	rain
Jersey	-	-	8	43	fog
Kinloss	2.4	-	6	43	sunny
Leeds	2.1	0.06	8	46	bright
Lerwick	-	0.07	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	4.1	0.02	11	52	bright
Liverpool	1.9	0.07	7	45	bright
London	4.5	-	12	54	sunny
Lowestoft	5.8	-	10	50	sunny
Manchester	2.6	0.01	9	48	rain
Margate	x	-	11	52	sunny
Minehead	x	0.13	12	54	bright
Morecambe	0.2	0.02	8	46	shower
Newcastle	1.8	-	4	39	cloudy
Newquay	2.8	0.01	12	54	bright
Nottingham	3.7	x	9	48	sunny
Penzance	1.7	0.03	13	55	rain
Plymouth	3.3	0.02	12	54	shower
Poole	2.8	0.06	11	52	bright
Saunton Snd	3.6	0.18	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	0.05	12	54	rain
Shanklin	3.4	0.07	11	52	sunny
Southend	5.7	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	5.8	0.04	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.08	8	46	rain
Swanage	4.7	0.04	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	1.9	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	-	0.20	11	52	cloudy
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Torquay	2.0	0.02	12	54	bright
Wick	2.5	0.02	6	43	rain

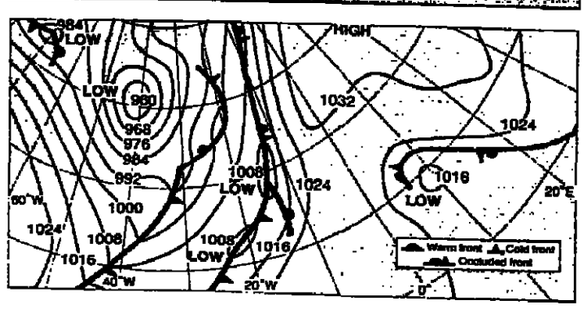
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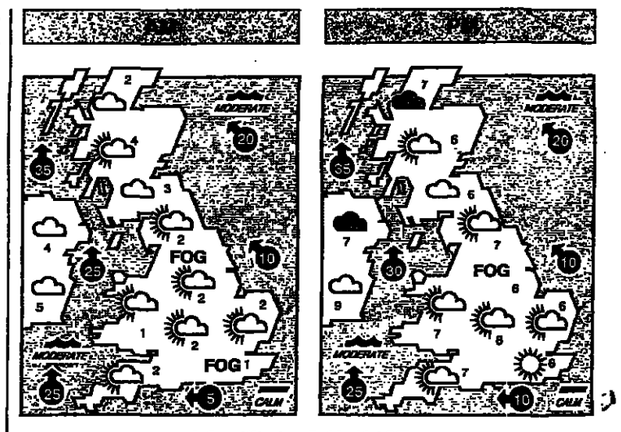
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Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	16.84	17.34
Belgium Fr	56.86	52.46
Canada $	2.087	1.927
Cyprus Cypf	0.792	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.88	9.88
Finland Mkk	9.31	8.51
France Fr	9.23	8.53
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	382.00	357.00
Hong Kong $	12.14	11.14
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2621.00	2466.00
Japan Yen	179.00	159.50
Malta Mltz	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.88	10.88
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	214.50	200.50
Sweden Kr	13.01	12.21
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.18
Turkey Lira	20900.0	19900.0
USA $	1.585	1.455

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High noon for leader of the England pack

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THE TIMES

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 1993



Dan Wright, the chief executive, joins some of the workers at the Albion axle plant in Glasgow to celebrate yesterday's management buy-in

Albion axle deal saves 510 Leyland DAF jobs

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Receivers to the crashed Anglo-Dutch truck maker Leyland DAF have put the seal on its financial rescue with a £12 million management buy-in to save 510 jobs

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers to the collapsed Leyland DAF truck company yesterday secured the future of the Albion axle plant in Glasgow and its sister component plant in Leyland, Lancashire, together with the jobs of their 510 employees.

The novel £12 million deal, involving a continuing stake held by the administrators, all but completes the most formidable industrial rescue since the failure of the Rolls-Royce group 20 years ago.

Every main British operation of the collapsed Anglo-Dutch commercial vehicle group is now trading under new ownership, and 2,700 jobs have been saved. But the Leyland lorry plant, the Birmingham van factory and the other operations now employ only half as many workers as they had when the group and its Dutch-based parent, DAF, passed into receivership on February 2.

Dan Wright, a Scottish engineer and former Leyland trucks executive, led a management buy-in at the new business, to be called Albion Automotive. Purchase of the axle plant in Scotstoun, Glasgow, employing 330 workers, has been grant aided by the Scottish Office, the Glasgow Development Agency and Strathclyde Regional Council.

The £30 million-a-year sales of the Albion business have been underpinned by long-term agreements to continue supply of axles and other components to the surviving Leyland DAF operations.

Workers at the plants have accepted a 5 per cent pay cut and new flexible working practices in order to secure their jobs and help the business succeed. Mr Wright said the savings were needed to enable the businesses, which were previously run as satellite plants, to set up their own product development, marketing and financial operations.

"There is cost saving to do so we can afford the increased costs of a fully-integrated business," he said.

Mr Wright and his team had earlier finished as runners-up in a race with managers at the Leyland DAF lorry plant to take over truck assembly and run it as a fully integrated component and assembly operation.

Instead, he and his team face the considerable challenge of developing replacement products and diversifying the business in the face of competition from world-scale axle specialists such as Rockwell and Eaton.

First, however, they must bring to a successful outcome continuing talks to acquire a highly-sophisticated £12 million crankshaft machining operation, involving 800 machine tools. Although standing within the Leyland plant, the crankshaft operation, which provides parts for DAF Trucks, the Dutch heavy lorry maker, is owned by a leasing company. Completion of that deal should secure the jobs of 30 more workers, in addition to the 180 at Leyland covered by yesterday's deal.

The Albion managers' next task will be to reduce the excessive operating costs of the Scotstoun plant, a huge, 240,000 square foot building on a former shipyard site which once produced lorries in its own right.

However, Mr Wright was last night confident that by concentrating on niche markets, such as the axles Albion manufactures for British Army vehicles, Albion can thrive in the long term.

His partners in the buy-in are Jim Hastie, who was operations director, components, for Leyland DAF, and Stephen Spencer, commercial manager at GEC Alsthom's European Gas Turbines business at Lincoln.

The receivers, John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, of accountants Arthur Andersen, have pursued an unusually flexible approach to the rescue, selling each major business separately but tying them together with a web of supply contracts. In yesterday's deal they have retained a substantial stake in the Albion business, a tactic they previously used when participating in the rescue of Robert Maxwell's collapsed media empire.

Only two significant Leyland DAF operations remain to be sold: the railway engine reconditioning plant at St Helen's, Lancashire, with 30 workers, and the Leyland Technical centre in Leyland, with a similar number.

Volkswagen says audit report denies espionage

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, has placed the blame squarely on its Spanish unit for the DM2 billion loss the group faces, but has sought to shrug off the industrial espionage scandal that has dogged it since it hired José Ignacio López de Arriortúa to head production and purchasing.

An external audit commissioned by VW in August, made public in summary yesterday, found "no indications that secret data from other automobile manufacturers had any influence" on decisions made at VW by Señor López.

Klaus Liesen, the VW supervisory board chairman, said there was no evidence that data from General Motors (GM), or its German subsidiary Opel, had given VW any competitive advantage. Señor López switched to VW from GM early in March.

GM alleges that the Spaniard stole secret documents when he moved to VW. The German prosecutor's office said that it wanted to see the auditor's report. The criminal investigation against Señor López will not, however, be halted.

Hopes that GM and VW might agree to end their bitter battle amicably appear to have faded. David Herman, the Opel chairman, was clearly furious about the audit report. He called it a "dishonourable cover-up manoeuvre". VW was "misleading the public" by leaking claims that Opel papers seized on VW premises were not secret, he said.

Mr Herman said the VW leadership was failing to act on evidence before it, covering up the facts and continuing to employ executives who had stolen documents from their former employer.

Señor López left GM for VW with seven close associates, which provoked angry charges of undue poaching. Opel alleges that the Señor López team systematically looted proprietary documents and computer files.

Opel said enquiries by the public prosecutor, admissions by VW and research by KPMG had established that sworn statements by Señor López and his associates that they had not taken with them or possessed GM group documents were untrue.

Herr Liesen told reporters that VW's lawyers would investigate the list of questions put by Opel. The rival carmaker wants to know whether a report by KPMG Deutsche Treuhand concerned Señor Lopez's actions only and the extent to which his ex-GM team acted independently. It wants to know whether several versions of the report exist and whether the full version will be made available to the legal authorities.

The public prosecutor in Darmstadt said it did not expect to decide whether to indict Señor López for alleged industrial espionage until next spring at the earliest. The US authorities are also looking at the case.

VW made clear that it is still ready to sign an out-of-court settlement with Opel to end a dispute over executive poaching from the GM group.

Ferdinand Piëch, the management board chairman of VW, emerged on Thursday with a long-sought agreement with the metalworkers union to cut the working week at VW's German plants to four days, to save 30,000 jobs over two years. The deal, which is expected to reduce the company's labour costs by DM1.8 billion, was widely hailed as a model for much of German industry. But market praise Herr Piëch drew for the pay deal was countered when he said that the group expects to lose about DM2 billion this year, and foresees no marked improvement next year.

He said that Seat, the troubled Spanish carmaking subsidiary, was likely to make a loss in the order of DM2 billion this year, compared with forecasts of a DM1.5 billion loss. Other divisions are expected to break even.

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QMH investor issues petition

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

DENIS Woodhams, a shareholder in Queens Moat Houses, has fired a shot across the stricken hotel group's bows by issuing a petition asking the High Court to declare that the company's affairs are being conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to shareholders.

The company faces a grilling from angry shareholders at Monday's annual meeting when investors are asked to adopt QMH's 1992 report and accounts. The accounts embrace the controversial property valuation of £861 million — vastly below a £2 billion valuation a year earlier and subsequent revaluation of £1.35 billion. Mr Woodhams is also seeking an order to restrain the company from restructuring its shareholding prior to the full disclosure of accounts and valuations.

Michael Harkavy, advising Mr Woodhams on legal and strategic matters, said: "We say that shareholders cannot make any proper judgment without being fully aware of all the details of all the valuations that have been done. That information has not been made available. We have asked Mr Coppel [Queens Moat's chief executive] to disclose that information and he has refused, saying it is of a commercially sensitive nature."

Mr Coppel said in response: "When proposals are put to shareholders in connection with the financial restructuring of the group, which is essential for its viability, there will be full disclosure in accordance with the rules and regulations of the London Stock Exchange, so that shareholders may consider such proposals on their merits."

Shareholders have been critical of the financial restructuring to convert bank debt into equity.

A disastrous sequence of events has seen shares in the group suspended in March, the departure of the entire board, a £1 billion loss announced for 1992 and the arrival of DTI inspectors.

Bundesbank warning after further fall in inflation

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE main measure of German inflation fell for the fourth month in a row, leaving more scope for further cuts in German interest rates, but an array of Bundesbank officials gave warning to the financial markets against over enthusiasm. The Federal Statistics Office reported yesterday that the West German cost of living rose by 0.3 per cent in November, bringing the year on year inflation rate down to 3.7 per cent from October's 3.9 per cent and a July peak of 4.3 per cent. The figures encouraged those economists who believe the next official cuts in rates will come at the Bundesbank's council meeting on December 16. Warnings by various Bundesbank chiefs about expecting faster rate cuts were seen as a ritualistic attempt to make markets uncertain, not as evidence of genuine caution on rates.

However, Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank, warned in a speech yesterday that interest rates could only be cut as long as this did not jeopardise the mark. He added that inflation was still too high. Otmar Issing, a Bundesbank director, had said on Thursday that he expected inflation to continue to decelerate, but at a much slower pace than the Bundesbank would like. Helmut Schieber, a board member, said that the economy was moving in the right direction, but this would not prompt the Bundesbank to accelerate cuts.

The tone of these comments contrasted those of Johann-Wilhelm Gaddum, the Bundesbank's vice president. He said on Thursday he expected interest rates to continue falling, remarks which boosted European markets and undermined the mark.

The mark weakened against most European currencies yesterday. However, sterling slipped back as dealers took profits amid uncertainty about Tuesday's Budget. It lost more than a pfennig against the mark to close at DM2.5274. Its trade weighted index fell to 81.7 on Thursday.

☐ Mortgage lending by the larger British banks fell by £1.62 billion in October, 3.9 per cent lower than September's total. The decline was exaggerated by one bank securitising £300 millin of its mortgages. However, the British Bankers' Association also reported that approvals for mortgage loans fell by more than 5 per cent to £1.45 billion from £1.53 billion.

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Why Cyril Stein remains a man of property

To point out that 1993 has proved an annus horribilis for Ladbroke Group, the leisure enterprise led (for 27 years) by Cyril Stein, would be something of an understatement.

Not that *all* the year was horribilis. The climate, looking back, took a distinct turn for the worse in August, the last furlong, so to speak, before Ladbroke's revelation of its mid-year results for 1993. Rumours swirled that Stein, whose name is synonymous with Ladbroke, was poised to retire. Such rumours were denied. Come the interim results, in September, the denials gave way to confirmation. Stein, credited with turning a small firm of bookmakers to the aristocracy into a near-£2 billion constituent of the FT-SE 100, had decided to bow out as chairman and managing director and give way to chief executive Peter George and non-executive chairman John Jackson. Stein, for his part, let it be known he would remain a non-executive director for three years (taking his service to 40 years), would maintain an "active involvement" in Ladbroke and would act as non-executive chairman of the property division. Even Sir Adrian Cadbury should have been pleased.

Stein's decision to hand over the reins was accompanied by news of a fall in pre-tax profits from £84.4 million to £62.5 million, in the wake of higher interest charges of £61.9 million (£44.6 million). The good news was that the property division, which lost more than £60 million during the whole of 1992, achieved a modest operating profit. Racing's contribution rose from £36 million to £40.5 million, while hotel operating profits were struck at £44.4 million (£49.3 million). Texas Homecare proved the major casualty: pressure on margins, reflecting competition from the likes of B&Q, resulted in a profit setback from £26.8 million to £15.7 million. Stein, proud of Ladbroke's historic dividend growth, held the interim distribution at 4.92p, courtesy of a £12.7 million transfer from reserves.

Ladbroke's share price rose 8p to 210p initially but certain City commentators were sceptical. Why had Ladbroke denied Stein's impending retirement? Had Stein been pushed? Stein's colleagues were unlikely assassins so had a push come from elsewhere? Thoughts turned to those with muscle: the institutions. Thoughts also turned to Ladbroke's £1.3 billion debt and the banks that had made such funds available. Was Stein, 65, ill?

Then came the highly publicised crossing of swords with *The Mail on Sunday*. Ladbroke's sword appeared in the shape of an injunction. *The Mail on Sunday's* sword eventually appeared in the shape of a story that, contrary to the belief that Ladbroke is virtually unencumbered by charges on its assets, loans from the Dutch bank, ABN-Amro, were secured



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on some £100 million of specific assets. Ladbroke dismissed the report as "misleading and misconceived".

Just for good measure, not a few City analysts have been revising their profit predictions, including joint brokers Smith New Court and Warburg Securities. Smith has cut its 1993 pre-tax prophecy from £152 million to £140 million with £175 million rather than £190 million looked for in 1994.

Ladbroke, hardly surprisingly, is appalled at the change in sentiment wrought in the space of three months. Stein privately insists that the writing was on the wall regarding succession when George was appointed joint managing director in 1991. Stein is known to have taken the view earlier this year that the posts of executive chairman and chief executive would hardly sit well together: the timing of his exit, according to the powers that be, being decided by the fact that the appointment of key personnel to head up the divisions could only be achieved if Ladbroke's boardroom was opened up.

Speculation (which has now waned) of pressure for a boardroom shake up from major shareholders or banks are categorically denied — the most popular adjective being "scurrilous" — as are theories that Stein is either unwell or set to emigrate to Israel. The message which appears to be emanating to analysts on the trading front is that racing operations continue to progress, with property expected to show a modest profit for the full year. Hilton is believed to have usefully improved its first half performance although the downturn in Germany and Japan has taken a toll.

The Texas chainsaw massacre, by all accounts, would appear ongoing but Stein and George have consistently argued that the new management team, under John Coleman, former managing director of Dorothy Perkins, should succeed in altering the margin equation in 1994.

All of which leaves the focus on Ladbroke's £1.3 billion worth of debt, with gearing still looking uncomfortable at a little over 50 per cent. Stein has fiercely defended his refusal to fire-sale aspects of the portfolio at the bottom of the cycle: the promise being that properties will now be sold down at book value or above — bearing in mind that some 75 per cent of debt is linked to the company's property interests.

The fact that Stein retains the chair at the property division is, perhaps, worthy of note, not least by those who believe the paring down of Ladbroke's debt is the overriding priority.

It will fall on George, come the full results in March, to initiate the almost inevitable dividend cut: BZW recently predicted a reduction from 11.2p to 8p.

Ladbroke's share price, at 162p, remains a far cry from its 1993 high of 222½p and more than £1 below 1993's peak. But it is interesting to note that BZW recently issued a buy recommendation: the advice being that "the black hole scenario has been ludicrously overplayed".

With a probable dividend cut in the offing Ladbroke's shares remain something of a short term gamble but news of any significant debt reduction would clearly prompt a rerating.



Roger Shute, BM's founder, stood down due to ill health

Restructuring costs at BM escalate to £102m

By Susan Gilchrist

BM GROUP, the debt-laden construction equipment and engineering company, admitted its restructuring, aimed at restoring a sound financial footing, will cost £102 million — £60 million more than the company estimated in March.

Moger Woolley, the chairman, who took over from Roger Shute, BM's founder who resigned abruptly last year on health grounds, said: "The costs of implementing the restructuring programme have been high, but the board believes that they are essential in order to provide a realistic and stable asset base from which to move forward." He said the costs had escalated because rationalisation, which included the closure of loss-making businesses and large-scale disposals, had needed to be more radical than orginally planned last March.

BM subsequently decided to sell holdings in several distribution businesses and close its joinery operations. It was also forced to incur a £7 million charge to secure a committed loan facility from its banks until the end of next year.

Mr Woolley laid the blame firmly at the door of earlier acquisitions — in particular Blackwood Hodge, bought in November 1990, and Thomas Robinson, made in February last year — which left the group with gearing of 300 per cent. But he added that the disposal programme had raised more than £50 million, helping to cut debt from £160 million to £114 million. A further £40 million is expected from disposals by next June which will bring gearing below 100 per cent.

The £101.6 million exceptional charge for restructuring wiped out last year's £34.6 million profit to produce a pre-tax loss of £116.6 million for the year to June 30. Shareholders' funds have fallen from £157 million to £60 million.

BM now faces growing dissent among small shareholders, who have seen the share price fall from a high of 416p last year to 21p at yesterday's close. Mr Woolley sympathised with their position but insisted the actions being taken were "in the best interests of all the shareholders".

He also announced several boardroom changes including the departure of Howard Sutton, chief executive, who will assume the role of deputy chairman until next April. He will be replaced by Cliff Walker, a fellow director.

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FERRANTI INTERNATIONAL

Lufthansa plays down link with Air France

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

LUFTHANSA, the German national carrier, is playing down remarks by Hemjö Klein, its marketing chief, who suggested that the airline is considering an "unbeatable" partnership with Air France.

The two state-controlled airlines, in terms of revenue passenger kilometres, would together be far bigger than British Airways (BA), currently Europe's largest carrier. A tie-up would also further cement the Franco-German axis at the heart of the European Union.

Lufthansa, the airline that stands to gain most from the failure this week of the Alcazar project to link four medium-sized carriers — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair, Austrian Airlines and Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) — has had long-standing co-operation with the French national airline in the area of computer reservations and ground handling.

Lufthansa's formal reaction to the Alcazar collapse provided confirmation that it seeks early talks with Austrian Airlines, and is interested in co-operation with Swissair. These links would "make the most sense", Lufthansa said. But Herr Hemjö, speaking to the German press, said that Air France would be an interesting partner, in addition.

However, Josef Grendel, a Lufthansa spokesman, said yesterday, that there were "no concrete plans" for extending co-operation with the French. He also underlined that Lufthansa's policy was "co-operation, not merger", with the focus on marketing.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pearson emerges as Extel sale favourite

UNITED Newspapers is expected to make an anouncement soon on the sale of Extel Financial following confirmation that VNU, the Dutch media group, has withdrawn from the bidding. Pearson Group, publishers of the *Financial Times*, is understood to have emerged as the strong favourite as eventual suitor for Extel, which Lord Stevens' United *Newspapers bought for £250 million six years ago*. A spokesman for VNU in Holland said a "too-high" asking price was a significant factor in talks being terminated.

City estimates are that Extel will be sold for £50 million to £70 million, although one analyst said: "That gives an unreal picture because, after the previous sale of a big part of the company, and shutting down of the sports information division, what is now on offer represents only about 14 per cent of UN's original purchase price." Pearson, which has never confirmed it is in the sale talks, declined to comment.

Air Europe payout

THE 7,000 unsecured creditors to Air Europe, one of the principal British businesses of International Leisure Group, which was placed in administration in March 1991 with liabilities of more than £500 million, are to receive a dividend of 5.35p in the pound. The total payment of about £21 million was announced by Phil Wallace, of KPMG Peat Marwick, one of the joint administrators. The payment was made possible by the co-operation of the 11 main creditors.

Receivers at Swithland

SWITHLAND Group, the Midlands car dealer, which has 360 employees, has been put in administrative receivership, ten days after its planned flotation flopped due to insufficient investors. Myles Halley and John Wheatley, of KPMG Peat Marwick, have been appointed joint administrative receivers. Swithland was offering shares at 81p, which would have valued it at £21 million and raised £10 million. NatWest Ventures, the venture capital backer, holds 35 per cent.

On Demand float details

FIVE directors of On Demand Information, an electronic publishing company, are set to become paper multi-millionaires when the company floats on the Unlisted Securities Market next month. The company is offering 12.75 million shares at 78p, valuing it at about £40 million. Graham Poulter, founder, chairman and chief executive, along with his four fellow directors and their families will own 48.2 per cent, worth £19.2 million. ODI is raising £9.1 million.

Stagecoach in takeover

STAGECOACH, the recently floated Perth-based bus operator, is paying £9.25 million for Western Travel. Western's vendors are receiving £500,000 in cash, £4.75 million in Stagecoach shares and £4 million in five-ear variable rate guaranteed loan notes. Western is to pay the vendors a special dividend of about £4.5 million, of which £2.1 million is being lent by Stagecoach. The vendors are also retaining Noel Hotels, a subsidiary of Western.

Simon in disposal talks

SIMON Engineering, the debt-laden group, said it is in talks that may lead it to sell Unichem International. Western Company of North America is the potential buyer of Unichem, which has annual sales of $30 million from speciality chemicals and technical services. Maurice Dixson, the chief executive appointed in September, is understood to want to reduce Simon Engineering's debt to less than £100 million from £140 million-plus.

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NATIONAL WESTMINSTER: **Lord Alexander and Derek Wanless**

Towering over the world of banking

partners in power

Patricia Tehan profiles the men who are rebuilding the NatWest in today's fast-moving markets



Lord Alexander, left, compares his relationship with Derek Wanless to two barristers working on a big case — "that is where one gets the extra power, the extra dimension"

At face value, Lord Alexander of Weedon is the urbane barrister who has steered National Westminster Bank through choppy waters, restoring its tattered image, while Derek Wanless, his chief executive, is the shirt-sleeved career banker, determined to knock down the bank's hierarchies and face up to life in the 1990s. But scratch beneath the surface and a more complex relationship emerges.

The partnership has been in place since March 1992 when Alexander asked Wanless to take over from Tom Frost, who wanted to clear his name in the aftermath of the Blue Arrow affair. He became chief executive on a beefed-up board, created by Alexander who has strong views on corporate governance.

There are obvious similarities between the two. Both are from modest backgrounds, both went to King's College Cambridge. But Alexander read English and law, and practised law in an independent profession for 28 years. Wanless read mathematics, sponsored by NatWest, and then went straight into the nitty gritty of retail banking.

> 'You do not have to spend very long with Derek to see that he has great ability'

Under their leadership NatWest has shed its paternalistic, bureaucratic image. It has refocused its business into four divisions, UK branch banking, NatWest Markets, US retail banking and international operations. In Alexander's words, "focusing on areas where there are profit opportunities and we can develop the skills to take advantage of those opportunities".

Alexander compares his relationship with Wanless to working with another barrister on a big case. "I would see him as one once saw the other silk one was working with, as very much a partner in the case. That is where one gets the extra power, the extra dimension." Although there is a ten-year age gap, Alexander says their relationship is not one of senior and junior partner. They always get on, "but we may start out from a different point of view". He says people should not be misled by Wanless's quiet approach: "He would influence me as much as I influence him."

Although Wanless was the bank's youngest chief executive, and the job is a large one, "there are always issues that are arising, sometimes tough decisions. But I never see him daunted". Alexander adds that with Wanless's down-to-earth attitude, he is unlikely to become complacent over his success. He describes his role as "seeing that the board works, that it gets all the information it needs, corporate governance, that it contributes to strategy. That I see and encourage people at all levels. I have a huge part in representing the bank outside".

Alexander says the relationship has to be flexible, with each being able to step in for the other as needed. "Derek's job is to provide the leadership to the executive team. To see that the board has proposals to debate. To monitor tightly the accountability of his senior executives. Also to know what is going on, and make a contribution to our external work."

They first met just before Alexander took over as chairman in October 1989 when Wanless was making a presentation to the board. Alexander says it was clear that Wanless was a rising star, "you do not have to spend very long with Derek to see that he has tremendous ability".

Wanless had joined the board in 1991, as chief executive of UK Financial Services. In 1992, after much discussion over some "pretty powerful candidates", the directors "felt that Derek had the qualities which were undoubtedly needed at a very important time for the bank and when the industry was changing". He says Wanless "has a very analytical mind and approach to business. He is modern in his thinking. There is nothing paternalistic in him, he is down to earth. He is the sort of person you might find as chief executive in industry".

One mark of the success of the appointment, made despite Wanless's comparative youth, was that "his executive colleagues supported" it. The chairman says: "Although he has the drive he is also a team leader. He has the self-confidence to modify his view if colleagues persuade him that he is wrong."

After the Bishopsgate bomb in the City in April, Alexander said Wanless's "quality and style of leadership" became clear. Wanless drove to a control centre as soon as he got word of the bomb, keeping the chairman in touch with events during the day. By early evening, when Alexander arrived, he says, someone had thought of an answer to every question he asked.

Wanless's first impressions of the new chairman "were inevitably physical, in terms of height and stature [Alexander is six-foot-six]. He is an impressive individual and gets more so as you get to know him".

Wanless was running the UK bank and the two had regular discussions as Alexander felt his way round the group. Wanless remembers admiring "his ability to absorb information and understand what was put to him. His learning curve was tough and steep, but it was clear that everything that was said to him was stored. He was able to make the connections".

Wanless has worked for NatWest since leaving Cambridge with a double first in maths. At 44 he was the youngest ever chief executive of the bank, and the first graduate. His appointment was no surprise to him or to colleagues — it was his ambition and he was clearly on NatWest's fast-track.

Wanless admits that he was keen to break down the bank's old-fashioned paternalistic structure: he prefers to speak to staff on first name terms, is keen to be seen as approachable and says "we both try to get people to say what they think". He says they have worked hard at giving NatWest a "thoughtful, analytical style".

His job has involved recommending tough decisions to the board, including a staff cutting programme and pulling out of some smaller overseas retail operations. "It is not a retreat to the UK. We had businesses that were not going to win in the markets they were in," he says.

The changes were not just to rectify poor decisions in the past or for the sake of change, but were to keep pace with the bank's fast-moving markets. He describes his role at the bank as analysing the markets that the bank is in, taking proposed strategy changes to the board and implementing them once they are approved.

Wanless says his strength as chief executive is that, "I know the business very well, also because I have been here for a long time, 23 years. I know how to make things happen in a large organisation, which is something which needs to be thought through and learnt".

He says Alexander is also "a superb ambassador for us around the world". He says the chairman's strengths are "his ability to ask the right questions, a tremendously deep interest in people". Alexander is also interested "in making sure that the bank gets the balance right in terms of all of its stock holders", customers, shareholders and staff. He adds that a bank must have integrity and Alexander "brings massive integrity and openness".

Since Wanless took over he has been keen to instill in managers the need to concentrate on the longer-term financial health of the bank instead of just short-term profitability. But he says that while "the impetus for that programme would come from me, it fits very closely with the chairman's views about openness and the passage of information around the group".

He is also trying to speed up the decision-making process. "We have done a lot of work to get decision-making pushed down the organisation as far as we can — but so everybody making these decisions would know what NatWest would want them to do."

While their skills and backgrounds are highly complementary, their shared weakness is impatience. "Once you have decided to do something you want to do it now," Wanless says. "Sometimes I have to tell Bob what is practical, you want to do things quickly but you have to make sure the wheels don't fall off."

They do not always agree about everything, but Wanless says their discussions are "pretty well-balanced". He says: "Both of us like intellectual debate. We start off with the belief that there is a right answer." But he says: "If there is a disagreement it will often be about how the world is going to change, what is going to happen in the future" rather than over current policies.

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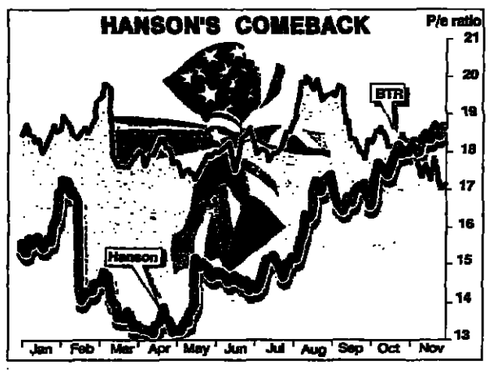
Quantum leap back to favour

HANSON is enjoying a sudden recovery in popularity. Its shares, which had been languishing for two years and more, have gained almost 27 per cent since the $3.2 billion acquisition of Quantum Chemical at the end of June, when *Tempus* predicted they were due for a re-rating.

The group's third-quarter results next Thursday should give investors some idea whether their confidence is well-placed. While nine-month profits are likely to be uninspiringly flat at about £1.08 billion, since many of the group's markets are still in recession, the City will watch the dividend closely. Any increase in the quarterly payout from 2.85p will be seen as a sign of optimism.

Investors are less interested in the current year than in the scope for growth in the next two years. Quantum's potential is particularly appealing. The acquisition should be earnings-enhancing after a mere refinancing of its debt and closure of the head office, but that is already in the share price. If, however, Hanson can ride the upturn in the chemicals cycle and improve Quantum's operating efficiency, it could return to its previous peak profits of $760 million by the middle of the decade.

This argument takes Hanson's sense of timing on faith. Ten years ago, that was never an issue, since the group had a knack of buying into industries at precisely the right moment. In the more recent acquisitions of Consolidated Goldfields and Beazer, the timing has slipped badly. The acquisition of Beazer for its Koppers aggregate business in America was based on the assumption of a resurgence in demand, which has failed to emerge. Perhaps management changes and the rigours of a recession have resharpened Hanson's skill for finding undervalued assets.



Hanson bulls have also been heartened by this week's start of a disposal programme, also predicted by *Tempus*, with the sale of Axelson and the American office products business for a total of £166 million. The group is keen to reduce its £3.5 billion net debt, which is preventing any opportunistic bids. Hanson has more than 100 smaller subsidiaries, mostly in America, which could be sold. The proceeds of this shakedown really need to be twice the City's £500 million estimate to have any real impact on the balance sheet, and the early sales suggest a £1 billion figure is attainable.

Lower debts and an upturn in the chemicals, aggregates and building material markets could have a dramatic impact on Hanson's profits by 1995, pushing profits above £1.5 billion. If so, it will be the first time the group's earnings growth has outperformed the market average in years. Even if the growth is less dramatic, Hanson's shares still yield more than 5 per cent on an the current dividend, 25 per cent higher than the market average, suggesting they still have further to go.

BM Group

GIVEN the speed that BM Group has unravelled, one can sympathise with the astonished rage of its shareholders. Until June last year, BM appeared to be a promising construction equipment group. Nine months later, it was a basket case teetering on the brink of survival.

The group's long-awaited results for the year to end-June reveal the extent of the underlying problems but do not answer the question over survival. If Moger Woolley, the chairman, completes all the intended disposals, BM will be left with a mixed bag of process machinery and manufacturing businesses with sales of £154 million and trading profits of £11.7 million. With this, it needs to support net borrowings of £86 million, or gearing of 128 per cent after minorities. That looks possible but not easy, since profits from the continuing businesses fell 30 per cent last year. Like Tiphook, BM is a company where the value of the equity is entirely dependent on the goodwill of the banks. A £7 million refinancing charge has bought some leeway until the end of next year.

The most worrying aspect is that the seeds of the company's downfall were sown three years ago with the acquisition of Blackwood Hodge, whose operations were borrowing heavily to finance sales of construction equipment, something never apparent in the balance sheet at the time.

Simon Engineering

SIMON is another engineering business trying to claw its way back to health, helped by low interest rates and understanding bankers. The sale of Unichem, a speciality chemical distributor, is unlikely to bring in more than $10 million, but it shows that Maurice Dixson, chief executive, can deliver on his promise to reduce debts. Even so, the shares at 81p are already anticipating a great deal more success.

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Oil shares slip on falling crude prices

STOCK MARKET

THIS week's failure by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to reach agreement on production quotas left oil shares nursing further hefty falls as crude prices continued to slide on world markets.

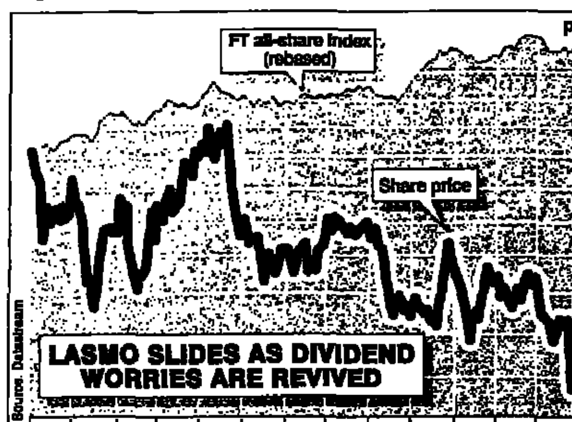
Investors were caught in a stampede for the exit as Merrill Lynch, the American securities house, decided, with oil trading below $15 a barrel and at a five-year low, to take a bearish view of the sector's prospects. In particular, Merrill is believed to have singled out **BP**, down 9½p at 332½p, with a profits downgrading, after assessing the impact of lower prices on group profits. Other fallers included **Burmah**, 5p to 735p, **Enterprise**, 2p to 437p, **Hardy Oil**, 2p to 157p, and **Shell**, 6p to 678p.

Lasmo was also a weak market, losing 11p at 117p, with investors worried that the increased pressure on margins will lead to a cut in the dividend. Lasmo's profits are vulnerable to a weaker oil price and the shares have been under a cloud in the City ever since it acquired Ultramar.

NatWest Securities, the broker, expects oil prices to continue drifting and points out that they are now lower than at any point during the price crash of 1986. It says that any shake-out should be used to top up holdings before a likely recovery in prices during 1994.

The rest of the equity market ended the two-week trading account on a firm note. *Stock shortages, prompted by* traders covering positions on the futures market and Thursday's large programme trade carried out by NatWest, squeezed prices higher.

The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 30 points, saw its lead halved by an uncertain start to resumed trading on Wall Street, in the wake of the Thanksgiving day celebrations. It finished 18.3 points up at 3,111.4, a rise on the account of 12.3. A total of 697 million shares changed hands.



Among leaders, **Glaxo** firmed 4p to 655p, before a presentation for brokers and fund managers on Tuesday. **Reuters** climbed 24p to £16.34, with BZW reckoned to be leading the buyers. It has been outlining to clients the group's multi-media capabilities and earnings potential.

Smiths Industries added 3½p to 434p, helped by a buy *recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite*, the broker. Henderson likes the group's strong management and believes the medical equipment division is capable of strong earnings growth. But **British Aerospace** was weak, falling 11½p to 402½p after a sell recommendation.

United Biscuits, the food group, appears short of friends these days, with the price easing 2p to 333p on suggestions that NatWest Securities has again lowered its profit expectations. NatWest *had been looking for an increase in pre-tax profits of £20 million to £178 million.*

The prospect of a further cut in German interest rates provided **RMC Group** with a rise of 10p to 888p.

Capital Industries, the packaging and paper group, slumped 34p to 114p, after issuing a profits warning.

Burnfield, the electricals group, also tumbled 26p to 57p after reporting that trading conditions had been difficult. The group is likely to incur a *loss of £500,000 in the second* half, compared with a profit of £1.26 million in the first half. The announcement also included the resignation of the chief executive.

Badgerline, the coach operator, made an encouraging start to first-time trading, but soon showed signs of running out of momentum. Offered at 115p, the price opened at 121p but retreated to end the session all-square at 115p. Of the other newcomers **Fenchurch**, the Lloyd's agent, opened at 183p, but retreated to 175p, a *discount of 5p on the offer* price of 180p. Meanwhile, rival **Angerstein** started at 94p, a discount of 6p on the issue price. It closed at 92p, a discount of 8p.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: opened higher and traded in narrow limits for much of the day. Dealers say the announcement of the latest gilt auction, pitched somewhere between 2002 and 2006, bodes well for the gilt market ahead of the Budget. The December series of the Long Gilt rose nine ticks *to £115 27/32 as 48,000 contracts were completed.*

In the cash market, ultra long issues expressed relief that they had been passed over by the Bank of England in the latest auction. Benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £7/16 to £120 13/32, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 gained two ticks at £113 23/32.

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WALL STREET

New York — Shares remained mixed at midday as weakness in oil shares continued to depress blue chips. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.71 points at 3,680.87, while advancing shares led declining issues by about ten to six. US Treasuries were mostly higher, with the long bond up 14/32 to yield 6.28 per cent. Telefonos de Mexico, up 1 3/8 at 57, was the most active issue on the exchange.

□ **Tokyo** — Shares plunged to a ten-month low after investors dumped stocks in despair over *Japan's* dire economic outlook. Pressured by a torrent of arbitrage unwinding, the Nikkei average fell 2.88 per cent, or 496.55 points, to end at 16,726.37, the lowest since January 27. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 26 midday	Nov 24 close
AMP Inc	58	58¼
AMR Corp	67¼	66
Abbott Labs	29¼	29¾
Aetna Life	60⅞	60¼
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43¼
Albertson's	25	24½
Alcan Alumnm	21	21
Alco Standard	47⅜	47⅜
Allied Signal	72⅜	72⅜
Alum Co of Am	71¼	71¼
Amax Gold Inc	6⅛	6⅛
Amerada Hess	46⅛	47⅛
Amer Brands	34⅛	34
Amer Cyanamid	52⅜	52⅜
Amer El Power	36⅜	36⅜
Amer Express	31⅛	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	28	27¼
Amer Home Pr	63¾	62¾
Amer Intl	86⅛	86⅛
Amer Stores	41¼	41¼
Amer T & T	55½	55⅜
Ameritech	77¼	76⅜
Amoco	53⅛	54½
Anheuser-Busch	50⅛	50
Apple Computer	32½	33
Archer Daniels	22⅜	22⅜
Adda	8	8
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	47¼	47¼
Asarco	20⅜	20⅜
Ashland Oil	33½	33¾
Atl Richfield	105¼	108⅛
Auto Data Pro	55½	54¾
Avery Dennison	28⅜	28⅜
Avon Products	49⅜	50⅜
Baker Hughes	21¼	22⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅜
Banc One	37	36⅜
BankAmerica	42⅜	42⅜
Bank of NY	54¼	54⅜
Bankers Tr NY	75⅛	75¼
Barnett Banks	40⅜	39⅜
Bausch & Lomb	52⅜	52½
Baxter Intl	23⅛	23⅜
Bectn Dicknsn	34¼	34⅜
Bell Atlantic	59⅜	58¼
BellSouth	56⅜	56⅜
Black & Decker	20⅜	20⅜
Block (H&R)	38	37⅜
Boeing	38⅜	38¼
Boise Cascade	22	21⅜
Borden Inc	16⅜	16⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	25¼	25¼
Burlington Nthn	56½	56⅞
CBS	312	310
CNA Financial	77¼	77
CPC Intl	47	46⅜
CSX	82½	82
Campbell Soup	42⅛	41¼
Can Pacific	16⅜	17
Cpd Cities ABC	631½	628⅜
Cpd Holdings	36⅜	36⅞
Carolina Pwr	29⅜	28⅜
Caterpillar	85⅞	85⅜
Central & SW	29⅜	29⅜
Champion Intl	30⅜	30⅜
Chase Manhat	33	33½
Chemical Bk	37⅜	37
Chevron Corp	86	89⅞
Chrysler	54	54
Chubb Corp	79⅜	78⅜
Cigna Corp	64	63½
Citicorp	34¼	34⅜
Clorox	52⅜	52⅜
Coastal Corp	28⅜	28⅜
Coca Cola	42¼	42
Colgate-Palmolive	58	58⅜
Columbia Gas	24⅜	24⅜
Commonw Ed	27⅜	28⅜
Compaq Comp	70⅜	70
Comp Ass Int	41½	40⅜
Conagra	27⅜	27¼
Cons Edison	31½	31½
Cons Nat Gas	47⅜	47⅜
Cons Rail	62⅜	61¼
Cooper Inds	50⅜	50⅜
Corning Inc	27½	27
Crown Cork	39¼	39¼
Dana Corp	53⅜	53⅜
Dayton Hudson	74⅜	74½
Deere	71½	70⅜
Delta Air Lines	58⅜	57
Deluxe Corp	35⅜	35⅜
Detroit Edison	32⅜	32⅜
Digital Equip	37⅜	36⅜
Dillard Dept St	41½	40⅜
Disney (Walt)	39	39
Dominion Res	44⅜	44½
Donelley (RR)	28⅜	27⅜
Dover Corp	58⅜	58⅜
Dow Chemical	58⅜	57¼
Dow Jones	36	35⅜
Dresser	20	20⅛
Duke Power	42⅜	42⅜
Dun & Brdstreet	64	64
Du Pont	47⅜	48¼
Eastman Kodak	61½	61¼
Eaton Corp	50⅜	50⅜

	Nov 26 midday	Nov 24 close
Emerson Elec	56¼	56½
Engelhard Corp	24¼	24
Enron Corp	32¼	32½
Entergy Corp	37¼	37⅜
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17⅜
Exxon	61½	63¼
FMC Corp	45⅜	45⅜
FPL Group	36⅜	36⅜
Federal Express	67¼	66¼
Fed Nat Mtge	74½	74½
First Chicago	43	42⅜
First Interstate	58⅜	57⅜
First Union Rlty	10⅜	10⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅜	30⅜
Fluor Corp	42¼	42¼
Ford Motor	61¼	61
GTE Corp	37¼	37
Gannett	55	54¼
Gap Inc Del	38⅜	38⅜
Gen Dynamics	91½	90⅜
Gen Electric	98⅜	97⅜
Gen Mills	61½	60⅞
Gen Motors	54	53⅞
Gen Reinsurance	110¼	109¼
Gen Signal	35⅜	35⅜
Genuine Parts	38	37⅞
Georgia Pac	72⅞	72⅜
Gillette	63⅜	62⅞
Glaxo ADR	19⅜	18⅜
Goodrich (BF)	44⅜	44⅜
Goodyear Tire	42¼	41¼
Grace (W&R)	38⅞	38¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28⅜	28¼
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	17⅜
Halliburton	32¼	33¼
Harcourt General	40⅞	40⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37¼	37⅜
Hercules	104¼	103¼
Hershey Foods	51¼	51½
Hewlett Packard	74⅜	73⅜
Hilton Hotels	45⅜	45½
Home Depot	42⅜	42¼
Homestake Mng	19⅜	19⅜
Honeywell	32⅜	32⅜
Household Intl	35¼	35¼
Houston Inds	46¼	46
Humana	16⅜	16½
ITT Corp	91½	91¼
Illinois Tool	37⅜	37¼
INCO	24	24⅜
Ingersoll Rand	37½	37¼
Inland Steel	32	31⅜
Intel Corp	60⅞	60
IBM	55⅜	55⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	108⅜	107¼
Intl Paper	66¼	65⅜
James River Va	19	18⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44½	44⅞
K Mart	23⅛	23¼
Kellogg	61½	61
Kerr-McGee	48	48⅞
Kimberly-Clark	53⅜	52⅜
Knight-Ridder	57¼	57¼
Lilly (Eli)	57⅜	57¼
Limited Inc	22¼	22⅜
LIN Brdcstng	110⅜	110⅜
Lincoln Nat	43	42⅜
Litton	64¼	64⅜
Liz Claiborne	24¼	23⅞
Lockheed Corp	70⅞	70¼
Louisiana Pac	39	38⅜
MCI Commun	25	24⅜
Marriott Intl	23¼	23⅜
Marsh & McLnn	80	79⅜
Masco Corp	34	34
May Dept St	43⅜	42½
Maytag Corp	16⅜	16¼
McCaw Cellular	52⅛	52
McDonalds	58⅜	58⅜
McDonnell D	107⅜	106¼
McGraw Hill	70⅜	69⅞
Mead Corp	41½	41⅜
Medtronic	75⅜	75⅜
Mellon Bk	54¼	54¼
Melville Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Merck Inc	34⅜	34½
Merrill Lynch	45⅜	89¼
Minnesota Mine	107¼	108
Mobil Corp	75⅜	78⅜
Monsanto	67¼	68
Morgan (JP)	69⅜	69⅜
Motorola Inc	96⅜	95⅞
Natl Medical	11½	11
Natl Semi	17⅜	17⅜
Natl Service Ind	24⅞	24½
Navistar Int	25⅜	25⅜
NBD Bancorp	28⅞	29
NY Times A	25	24⅞
Newmont Mng	54¼	55¼
Niag Mohawk	20⅜	20⅜
Nike B	48⅞	49⅛
NL Industries	5	4⅞
Nordstrom	35¼	35¼
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅛	67½
Nthn State Pwr	42⅜	42¼
Norwest Corp	22⅜	22⅞
Nynex Corp	43	42⅜
Occidental Pet	17¼	17¼
Ohio Edison	22⅜	22⅜
Oracle Systems	31½	32

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Oryx Energy Co	20¼	21¼
Owens Corning	46¼	46⅜
PNC Financial	29	28⅜
PPG Industries	71½	71
Paccar Inc	65⅜	65⅜
Pacificorp	19⅛	19
Pac Enterprises	29⅜	29⅜
Pac Gas & Elect	34¼	34⅜
Pac Telesis	56	55⅜
Pall Corp	18⅜	19
Panhandle East	21⅛	21⅛
Paramnt Comm	79⅜	80⅛
Parker Hannifin	35⅜	35⅜
Penney (JC)	52⅛	51⅛
Pennzoil	57⅛	58⅛
Pepsico	40¼	40
Pfizer	65⅜	65⅜
Phelps Dodge	45	45⅜
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	56⅛	55⅜
Phillips Pet	28⅛	29⅜
Pitney Bowes	41¼	41⅛
Polaroid	35	35⅛
PriceCostco	18⅛	18⅜
Primerica	40	39⅜
Procter & Gmbl	55⅜	55⅜
Pub Serv E & G	32⅜	32⅜
Quaker Oats	71¼	72
Ralston Purina	37⅜	37⅜
Raychem Corp	35⅜	35⅜
Raytheon	61⅛	61¼
Reebok Intl	30	30⅜
Reynolds Metals	46½	46⅛
Roadway Srvcs	65⅛	65
Rockwell Intl	34⅛	34⅜
Rohm & Haas	53⅜	53⅜
Royal Dutch	100⅜	103⅜
Rubbermaid	33⅜	33⅜
Safeco Corp	56⅛	56⅜
St Paul's Cos	89⅜	88⅜
Salomon Inc	43⅛	43⅜
Santa Fe Pac	19⅜	19⅜
Sara Lee Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Scecorp	20⅜	20⅜
Schering Plough	67⅛	67⅜
Schlumberger	58	60
Scott Paper	38	37⅛
Seagram	27⅜	27⅜
Sears Roebuck	55½	55
Shell Trans	59⅜	60⅛
Sherwin Wlims	33⅛	33⅜
Skyline Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Snap-On-Tools	37⅜	37⅜
Southern Co	43⅜	43⅜
Stnwestern Bell	41⅜	40⅜
Sprint Corp	34⅜	33⅜
Stanley Works	39⅜	39⅜
Sun Company	31⅛	32⅜
Suntrust	43⅛	43⅜
Supervalu	34⅛	34⅜
Syntex Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Sysco Corp	28⅛	28⅜
TRW Inc	62⅛	62⅜
Tandem Comp	10⅜	10⅜
Tandy Corp	46⅛	46⅜
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	24⅛	24⅜
Temple Inland	48⅛	48⅜
Tenneco	49⅜	49⅜
Texaco	63⅜	65⅜
Texas Inst	64½	64½
Texas Utilities	44⅛	44⅛
Textron	55⅛	55⅜
Time Warner	44⅛	44
Times-Mirror	32	31½
Timken	32	32
Torchmark	43⅜	43⅜
Toys R Us	40⅛	40⅜
Transamerica	55⅜	55⅜
Travelers Corp	31⅛	32
Tribune	55⅛	55⅜
Tyco Labs	46⅜	46⅜
UAL Corp	143½	139⅜
UST Inc	28	27⅜
USX Marathon	17⅛	17⅛
Unilever NV	112⅛	110⅜
Union Camp	46	45⅛
Union Carbide	20⅛	20⅜
Union Pacific	64	63⅜
Unisys Corp	11½	11⅛
USAIR Group	13⅛	13⅛
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Upjohn	31⅛	31½
VF Corp	44⅛	43⅜
WMX Tech	26⅜	26⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	29⅜	29⅜
Warner-Lambert	66⅜	65⅛
Wells Fargo	117⅜	116⅛
Westinghouse El	14½	14
Weyerhaeuser	42⅜	42
Whirlpool	58⅜	59
Whitman	15⅛	15⅜
Winn Dixie	55⅜	54⅛
Woolworth	22⅜	22⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	43⅜
Xerox	82⅜	81⅜

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4750 (-0.0130)
German mark	2.5274 (-0.0138)
Exchange index	81.2 (-0.5)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3111.4 (+18.3)
Dow Jones	3680.87 (-6.71)*
Nikkei Avg	16726.37 (-496.55)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5⅜-5¼%
US Federal Funds	3%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.11-3.09%*
Long Bond	6.28%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4812*	£:$	1.4802
$:DM	1.7115*	£:DM	2.5341
$:SWfr.	1.4975*	£:SWfr.	2.2166
$:Ffr	5.9130*	£:Ffr	8.7535
$:Yen	108.70*	£:Yen	160.92
£:SDR	1.0720	£:ECU	1.3208

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):

AM 376.30	PM 376.85
Close	376.75-377.25
New York:	
Comex	n/a

OIL

Brent Crude .... $14.45 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

Gas monopoly broken

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A SMALL independent gas supplier has agreed an interruptible transmission contract with British Gas, breaking the *monopoly enjoyed by the former* state gas group in the biggest sector of the market.

Bell Gas has contracted to supply three sites run by an unnamed manufacturing services company with gas that can be halted if demand rises abruptly among its other customers. A second independent supplier is believed to be close to agreeing similar terms with British Gas.

The deals are likely to be regarded as a landmark in the *development of competition in* the UK gas market. Sir James McKinnon, who handed over the job of director general of Ofgas to Clare Spottiswoode three weeks ago, has said competition to supply interruptible customers would be the litmus test of a fully liberalised gas market.

An Ofgas spokesman said: "We welcome this. It moves competition into a new area where competition has not been around before."

In their first contracts, the independents are doing little more than dipping a toe in the water of a market which accounts for 40 per cent of UK gas sales. David Aron, a Bell Gas director, said: "There won't be a rush of people to get into this particular market, but we felt it was feasible for a limited number of sites."

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...	Coal Invs	17	...	Litho Supplies (190)	193	...
Abtrust Emrg Econs	90½	...	Crest Packaging	134	...	London Insce Mkt (100)	100	+1
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	48	...	DFS Furniture (260)	272	+1	Masthead Insce (100)	96	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	98	...	Delian Lloyds Inv (100)	96	...	New London Capital (100)	93½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Wrts	40	...	Emerald Energy (1)	1½	...	Roxboro (230)	234	...
Alliders (170)	190	...	Fenchurch (180)	175	...	Ruberoid (150)	161	-2
Angerstein (100)	92	...	Finsbury U/writing Inv	103	...	Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Angerstein Wts	33	...	For & Col Emg Mks Wts	56	...	Syndicate Capital (100)	97	+4
Azlan (230)	243	+3	Gartmore (168)	174	+2	Syndicate Capital Wts	31	+1
BTR Warrants 1998	47	...	Greyfriars Inv Wrts	9	...	Throgmorton Prfd (100)	102	...
Badgerline (115)	115	...	HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	...	Towry Law (190)	183	...
Biotrace Intl (130)	146	+1	Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	103	+1	Ugland Intl	102	...
CLM Insce (100)	98	+2	Hozelock (250)	250	...	Wigmore Property (100)	93	...
Canadian Pizza (200)	192	-2	Independent Insce (225)	281	-3	Wigmore Property Wts	32	+1
Charles Sidney (110)	106	+3	Lilliput (135)	126	+1			
Cleveland Trust (100)	111	...						

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

OMI INTL. (Int)
Pre-tax:£237,000
EPS:0.5p (LPS 6.1p)
Div:0.75p (0.75p)
Last time's loss £2.7 million. Continued improvement in logistics. Good performance from electro-optics.

LBMS (Int)
Pre-tax:£201,000
EPS:1p (3.1p)
Div:Nil (nil)
Last time's profit £753,000. Hope to resume interim dividend payments next year. Software revenue up 54 per cent.

STODDARD SEKERS (Int)
Pre-tax:£167,000
EPS:0.1p (0.5p)
Div:0.75p (0.75p)
Last time's profit £432,000. Carpet volumes down slightly. Increase in gearing to 50 per cent.

MULTITONE ELECTS. (Int)
Pre-tax:£40,000
LPS:1.12p (EPS 4.03p)
Div:1.5p (1.5p)
Last time's profit was £875,000. Problems over new distribution agreement. Imported components cost more.

VISTEC (Int)
Pre-tax:£1.13m (£1.30m)
EPS:0.62p (0.73p)
Div:0.125p (0.125p)
Patchy trading. Range of service products extended. Unix software distribution arm had quiet first half.

PERPETUAL (Fin)
Pre-tax:£14.7m (£4.8m)
EPS:39.11p (12.49p)
Div:13.2p, mkg 15p
Last year's total dividend was 4.8p. Unit trust industry enjoyed record sales. Net new investments of £750m.

DART GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax:£1.25m
EPS:5.8p (4.4p)
Div:1.3p (1.3p)
Last time's profit was £965,000. Margins remain tight. Channel Express companies building volumes.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Whitbread 'A'	533p (+15p)	Burnfield	57p (-26p)
Forminster	617p (+32p)	Br Aerospace	402½p (-11½p)
Euro Disney	350p (+20p)	Nu-Swift	343p (-10p)
Caledonia	605p (+27p)	Broken Hill	746p (-14p)

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8808				
Series Mngd Fd	427.70	452.60	-1.50	...
Series Equity	540.70	572.30	-2.70	...
Series Prop Fd	421.50	446.10	+0.40	...
Series Fixed Int	329.60	348.80	-0.60	...
Series Money Fd	243.30	257.50	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	331.70	351.10	-9.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 242 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 080575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.46	18.38	+0.02	...
Bear	19.30	20.32	-0.14	...
Owl	19.32	20.33	-0.18	...
Bull	17.47	18.39	-0.26	...
Stag	18.35	19.32	-0.31	...
Gilt Edged	19.10	19.10	-0.02	...
Deposit	15.36	15.36	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.35	24.58	+0.02	...
Bear	25.98	27.35	-0.18	...
Owl	25.91	27.28	-0.27	...
Bull	22.21	23.38	-0.39	...
Stag	22.65	23.85	-0.45	...
Gilt Edged	23.56	23.56	-0.02	...
Deposit	19.56	19.56	-0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	564.88	564.89	-5.71	..
1982 Series				
UK Equity	332.69	350.21	-3.88	..
N Amer Equity	289.90	305.16	-4.05	
Far East Equity	411.75	433.43	-11.49	..
Fixed	299.33	315.09	-0.40	..
Cash Deposit	198.02	208.45	+0.17	..
Property	142.93	150.46	+0.34	..
Special Opp	343.75	361.85	-6.27	..
Managed	297.76	313.44	-3.61	..
Index-Linked Fd	194.75	205.01	-1.26	
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	259.70	273.40	+5.50	
-do- Acc	474.30	499.30	+9.90	
Equity Fd Inc	163.50	172.20	-1.20	
-do- Acc	212.20	223.40	-1.70	
Selective Fd	472.70	497.60	-0.10	
Money Fd	364.40	383.60	+0.40	
Prop Fd Ser 4	369.50	389.00	+7.70	
Equity Ser 4	205.70	216.60	-0.90	
Man Ser 4	639.80	673.50	-7.20	
Conv Ser 4	318.50	335.60	+0.40	
Money Ser 4	318.40	335.20	+0.30	
Fixed Int Ser 4	350.20	368.70	-0.10	
American Ser 4	497.80	524.00	-4.20	
High Inc Ser 4	630.70	663.90	-5.30	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	213.90	225.20	-1.10	
Japan Ser 4	327.70	345.00	-23.80	
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1488.8	1567.1	-7.80	
European Fd Acc	339.20	357.00	-7.80	
Fixed Int Acc	541.60	570.00	-0.10	
Gtd Money Acc	323.50	340.40	+0.20	
Intl Managed Acc	566.10	595.80	-8.00	
Int Fxd Int Acc	328.70	346.00	-2.10	
Japan Fund	271.10	285.30	-18.40	
N American Acc	319.20	336.00	-4.40	
Prop Fd Acc	394.60	415.30	+1.10	
Multiple Inv Acc	1004.8	1057.7	-7.70	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	360.20	379.20	+0.30	
Equity Acc	1344.9	1415.6	-8.30	
Property Acc	493.20	519.20	+0.40	
Far East Acc	309.50	325.80	-7.20	
Managed Capital	523.20	550.80	-2.60	
-do- Acc	1041.5	1096.3	-5.00	
Overseas Acc	894.90	942.00	-1.50	
Gilt Edged Acc	480.70	506.00	+0.60	
Amer Equity Acc	741.90	781.00	-3.80	
Amer Man Acc	316.60	333.30	-1.70	
Amer Prop Acc	115.50	121.60	-0.90	
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	144.40	152.00	-0.10	
Baleed Ser 5	668.60	703.70	-1.50	
Opportunity Ser 5	152.20	160.20	-1.90	
Distribution Ser 5	104.40	109.90	+0.20	
UK Equities Ser 5	917.70	966.00	-1.00	
Higher Inc Ser 5	989.10	1041.1	-0.40	
North Amer Ser 5	439.50	462.60	-2.70	
Far East Ser 5	524.40	551.90	-33.30	
Europe Ser 5	338.50	356.30	-5.60	
Intnl Ser 5	531.90	559.80	-15.00	
Property Ser 5	474.70	499.60	+0.50	
Fixed Int Ser 5	418.20	440.20	-0.10	
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	184.30	193.90	-0.90	
Gteed Dep Ser 5	287.30	302.40	+0.30	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	795.20	837.10	-4.10	
-do- Initial	544.00	572.70	-4.50	
Gilt Edged Acc	393.30	414.10	-0.30	
-do- Initial	271.50	285.80	-1.20	
International Acc	380.60	400.70	-10.30	
-do- Initial	261.00	274.80	-7.90	
Managed Acc	496.40	522.60	-5.10	
-do- Initial	341.70	359.70	-4.40	
Money Acc	281.70	296.60	+0.10	
Property Acc	256.70	270.20	+0.40	
-do- Initial	175.30	184.60	...	
America Acc	278.60	293.30	-3.60	
Australia Acc	201.60	212.20	-2.50	
Financial Acc	311.10	327.40	-3.90	
500 Accum	415.20	437.10	-2.80	
Japan Genl Acc	321.80	338.80	-21.00	
Income Acc	497.70	523.90		
Leisure Acc	206.00	216.90	+0.20	
Special Sits Acc	219.00	230.60	-1.10	
Univ Tech Acc	144.40	152.10	-4.30	

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	768.27	768.27	-8.48	...
Income Fund	730.07	768.50	-4.70	...
Extra Income	665.17	700.18	-4.91	...
Worldwide Gth	481.33	506.67	-12.47	...
Balanced Fund	628.95	662.06	-4.54	...
Smllr Cos Recov	619.07	651.66	-5.86	...
N Amer & Genrl	372.59	392.20	-5.48	...
Pacific Basin	451.95	475.74	-7.49	...
German Growth	226.26	238.17	-5.22	...
Japan Growth	164.54	173.20	-12.97	...
The UK Gth Fd	196.93	207.30	-1.69	...
Conti Euro Gth	118.53	124.77	-4.31	...
Property Fund	364.63	383.83	+0.38	...
Fixed Interest	318.94	335.73	-0.69	...
Cash Fund	274.51	288.96	+0.19	...
Managed Inv	466.60	491.16	-5.56	...
Nth Amer Recov	244.87	257.76	-4.61	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	464.22	488.66	-10.37	..
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	156.10	165.10	-1.50	...
Performance Plus	153.40	162.20	-3.50	...
With Profit Perf	165.00	174.50	+0.10	...
UK Opportunity	168.50	178.30	-2.30	...
Euro Opportunity	201.10	212.80	-3.90	...
North Amer Opp	157.00	166.10	-1.30	...
Far East Opp	190.60	201.60	-4.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	139.10	146.40	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	164.00	173.50	...	...
Fixed Int	190.70	201.70	-0.90	...
Cash	151.70	160.50	+0.10	...
Overseas	176.70	186.90	-3.90	...
CANADA LIFE 24 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1238.60			
Managed	313.20	329.70	-3.60	..
Property	211.80	223.00	+0.20	..
Gilt & Fxd Int	247.60	260.70	-0.10	..
Equity	343.10	361.30	-3.50	..
Cash	211.40	222.60	+0.10	..
CLife Euro Mgd	342.40	360.50	-5.50	..
CLife Intl Fd	345.50	363.70	-10.50	..
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	178.60	188.00	...	..
Managed Fund	588.90	619.90	-3.20	..
Equity Fund	333.90	351.50	-3.00	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	272.20	286.60	-3.10	
Ruby	153.00	161.10	-4.80	
Emerald	144.80	152.50	-0.30	
Equity	310.90	327.20	-0.40	
Property	193.70	203.90		
Gilt & Fixed Int	213.80	225.10		
Indexed Secs	170.90	179.90	-0.90	
Cash	181.20	190.80	-0.10	
Nth American	205.20	216.00	-1.10	
Far East	303.20	319.20	-9.10	
International	215.00	226.40	-7.00	
Special Sits	293.60	309.10	-4.00	
Intl Income	279.90	294.60	-1.90	
American Inc	185.20	195.00	-1.70	
European	283.70	298.70	-5.80	
Japanese	124.90	131.50	-10.80	
SE Asia	344.50	362.70	-7.20	
With Profits Reg	153.10	161.30	+0.30	
-do- Spec	153.10	161.30	+0.30	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	300.70	316.60	-4.10	
Equity	354.00	372.70	-0.90	
Property	180.60	190.30	+0.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	263.00	276.90	+0.30	
Index Linked	182.20	191.80	-1.00	
Cash	239.20	251.80	+0.30	
Nth American	256.70	270.30	-0.90	
Far East Acc	288.40	303.60	-21.00	
International Acc	278.50	293.20	-8.30	
Special Sits	428.90	451.50	-9.50	
European Flex	394.60	415.40	-9.70	
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 890 000				
(Unlist)Key	1218.65			
-do- Pacemaker	1303.62			
-do- Cash	198.28	208.72	+0.12	
-do- Equity	509.33	536.14	-0.64	
-do- Fxd Int	372.88	392.51	+0.73	
-do- Managed	370.69	390.20	-0.56	
-do- Property	335.94	353.62	+1.24	
(Pens) Cash Cap	206.81	217.71	+0.06	
-do- Cash Inv	292.07	307.45	+0.29	
-do- Equity Cap	1374.7	1447.1	-16.74	
-do- Equity Inv	1941.5	2043.6	-22.25	
-do- Fixed Cap	408.03	429.51	-2.33	
-do- Fixed Inv	576.23	606.57	-2.88	
-do- Index Cap	213.33	224.56	-2.06	
-do- Index Inv	301.13	316.99	-3.11	
Mngd Cap	553.06	582.18	-6.63	
Mngd Inv	781.06	822.18	-8.80	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	657.10		-11.17	
Var Ann (5)	288.68		-1.15	
Prime: Managed	390.00	410.60	-1.00	
Prime: UK Equity	465.60	490.20	-1.90	
Prime: Int Equity	299.20	315.00	-5.80	
Prime: Property	204.40	215.20	+0.50	
Prime: Fxd Int	248.30	261.40	-0.30	
Prime Index-Lnk	157.90	167.20	-1.00	
Prime: Cash	198.90	209.40	+0.20	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744040				
Managed Fund	1093.1	1150.6	-1.10	
Equity Fund	1556.0	1637.8	-1.00	

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	567.70	597.50	-7.00	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	372.40	392.00	-0.40	...
Life Equity Acc	780.90	821.90	-2.90	...
Life Money Acc	292.00	307.30	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	767.50	807.80	-6.10	...
Life Intl Acc	480.10	505.30	-19.10	...
Life High Inc Acc	764.50	804.70	+4.70	...
Life Property Acc	232.40	244.60	+0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3			
Brewin Equity	674.00	709.40	-10.90	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30		
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	169.70	178.70	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	231.50	243.70	-3.30	...
-do- Series 2	149.40	157.30	-2.00	...
Adventurous Fd	203.10	213.80	-5.30	...
-do- Series 2	153.40	161.50	-3.90	...
Performance Fd	237.90	250.50	-6.40	...
-do- Series 2	154.80	163.00	-4.50	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	147.00	154.80	+0.10	...
UK Equity Fund	149.40	157.30	-0.60	...
Property Fund	106.40	112.10		...
Envrnmntl Opps	147.40	155.20	-0.70	...
Euro Fund	163.40	172.10	-3.40	...
North Amer Fd	191.80	201.90	-1.80	...
Oriental Ops	214.00	225.30	-4.40	...
Japanese Fund	115.90	122.00	-7.90	...
Bd & West Life	117.80	124.10	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	129.80	136.70	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	254.80	264.00	-1.70	3.47
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mkd)	291.40	306.90	-2.70	..
UK Equity	386.80	407.20	-2.90	..
Stewardship	331.20	348.70	-1.20	..
Overseas Equity	262.80	276.70	-5.60	..
North American	146.70	154.50	-0.70	..
Pacific Basin	152.00	160.10	-4.90	..
European	189.70	199.70	-2.50	..
Property	198.90	199.90	+0.20	..
Fixed Interest	237.40	249.90	-0.30	..
Index Linked	169.20	178.20	-0.70	..
Cash	193.80	204.10	+0.20	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	328.30	345.60	-23.90	
GT Plan Wwide	493.30	519.20	-20.70	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	197.40	207.70	-1.90	
Unitised Profit	126.50	133.10	+0.20	
UK Equity	265.60	279.40	-0.10	
Fixed Int	201.50	212.00	+0.20	
Index-Linked	170.40	179.30	-1.00	
Cash Deposit	169.40	178.20	+0.10	
Property	167.10	175.70	-0.10	
International	176.60	186.00	-3.30	
American	156.50	164.60	-0.80	
Japan	229.70	241.70	-14.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	235.50	247.80	-15.10	
European	171.10	180.00	-1.40	
Pacific Fund	276.10	290.60	-6.70	
Conv Life	134.00	140.90	-0.30	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	669.10	689.10	-6.70	
-do- Inv A	689.00	725.40	-7.00	
UK Equity	387.20	407.60	-1.10	
Gilt Plus	214.70	226.10	-0.20	
Managed	302.20	318.20	-3.00	
Inter Man	269.90	284.10	-4.40	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ast Prop Bds	682.80	711.20		
Managed Initial	456.90	480.90	-0.10	
-do- Acc	636.60	670.10	+0.10	
Equity Initial	656.10	690.60	-1.50	
-do- Acc	914.30	962.40	+2.60	
Fixed Int Initial	457.50	481.60	+0.40	
-do- Acc	637.60	671.10	+0.90	
Intl Initial	452.00	475.80	-12.50	
-do- Acc	629.90	663.00	-17.10	
Nth Amer Initial	182.70	192.30	-0.90	
-do- Acc	231.70	243.90	-1.00	
Pacific Initial	243.00	255.80	-9.10	
-do- Acc	305.20	321.40	-11.20	
Property Initial	156.60	164.80		
-do- Acc	217.80	229.30		
Index-Lnkd Initl	166.50	175.30	-1.40	
-do- Acc	211.20	222.30	-1.70	
Deposit Initial	194.90	205.10		
-do- Acc	271.50	285.80	+0.10	
Euro Initial	94.30	99.30	-0.80	
-do- Acc	110.50	116.30	-0.90	
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	158.50	166.80	-1.50	
-do- Pens	191.70	201.70	-2.30	
UK Equity	156.10	164.30	-1.30	
-do- Pens	174.60	183.70	-1.80	
International	145.60	153.20	-4.10	
-do- Pens	155.40	163.50	-5.20	
Deposit	136.20	143.30	+0.10	
-do- Pens	159.40	167.70	+0.30	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	358.00	380.90	-2.20	
North America	342.80	364.70	-2.90	
Far East Fund	621.10	660.80	-18.40	
Global Managed	455.40	484.50	-6.80	
Deposit Fund	222.50	234.30		
Prime Residential	126.00	132.70		

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European Fund	245.90	261.70	-3.10	...
Fixed Interest	70.50	75.00	...	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	488.50	517.00	-0.90	...
British Fund	498.70	527.80	-0.20	...
International	490.10	518.70	-10.90	...
Dollar Fund	361.50	382.60	-2.30	...
Capital Fund	445.50	471.50	-2.40	...
Income Fund	675.40	714.80	-1.50	...
Property Series A	410.10	434.00	+1.00	5.60
Property Units	660.70	693.80	+0.80	...
Financial Fund	554.80	587.10	-2.70	...
Managed Ser A	519.50	549.80	-2.40	...
Managed Units	929.70	978.70	-4.20	...
High Yield Fund	652.00	690.00	+0.40	...
Money Series A	278.90	295.20	+0.20	...
Money Units	368.20	387.60	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	585.80	619.90	-3.40	...
Fixed Interest	387.80	410.40	+0.50	...
Indexed Secs	188.40	199.40	-0.90	...
European Fund	691.80	732.10	-10.50	...
Natural Res	269.90	285.70	-4.10	...
Far East Fund	592.90	627.50	-29.00	...
Smaller Cos	447.50	473.60	-3.80	...
Special Sits	420.70	445.20	-1.30	...
Man Currency	253.90	268.70	-1.00	...
Japanese Tech	227.00	240.30	-18.10	...
US Smaller Cos	217.80	230.50	-2.70	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 42881				
Global Managed	531.70	559.70	-8.70	...
Global Property	263.40	277.30		...
Global Fixed Int	525.00	552.60	-0.60	...
Global Equity	561.30	590.80	-9.20	...
Global Cash	206.60	217.50	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	495.30	521.30	-0.20	..
Property	444.60	468.00	-4.50	..
Managed	398.80	419.70	-5.50	..
American	392.70	413.30	-5.80	..
UK Equity Fd	428.30	450.80	-4.90	..
Japan	197.60	208.00	-10.70	..
Index-Lkd	186.40	196.20	-1.30	..
High Yield	815.30	858.20	-5.00	..
Growth Cap	447.60	471.10	-0.60	..
Money	390.20	410.70	+0.30	..
International	372.80	392.40	-9.90	..
Henderson Active	210.80	221.80	-3.90	..
Perpetual Active	312.50	328.90	-9.20	..
Growth Cap	447.60	471.10	-0.60	..
-Do- Acc	622.80	655.50	-8.60	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20		
-do- Acc	180.40	189.90	+0.10	
Brit Opps Init	136.20	143.40	-0.50	
-do- Acc	163.70	172.40	-0.50	
Cash Initial	167.20	176.20	+0.20	
-do- Acc	278.80	293.50	+0.20	
Equity Initial	632.80	666.20	-1.70	
-do- Acc	1054.4	1109.9	+3.00	
Fixed Initial	367.90	387.30		
-do- Acc	613.00	645.30		
Index-Lnkd Gilt	141.60	149.10	-0.70	
-do- Acc	201.30	211.90	-1.10	
Intl Initial	340.20	358.20	-9.70	
-do- Acc	558.10	587.50	-16.10	
Managed Initial	471.90	496.80	-4.50	
-do- Acc	786.30	827.70	-7.60	
Property Initial	201.00	211.60	-0.20	
-do- Acc	334.90	352.60	+0.30	
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH5 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	339.70	357.60	-2.70	...
UK Equity	560.60	590.20	-1.10	...
Property	282.50	297.40		...
Money Market	244.90	257.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	327.90	345.20	-0.70	...
Japan	373.10	392.80	-28.60	...
North America	157.70	166.00	-1.50	...
International	292.10	307.50	-7.00	...
European	261.80	275.60	-3.60	...
Far East	131.60	138.60	-6.10	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£119.02		-0.67	
Property Units	£26.44			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£64.59	£67.99	-0.56	
2nd Equity Acc	614.40	646.80	-0.60	
2nd High Inc Ac	593.20	624.60	-0.30	
2nd Property Acc	241.80	254.60		
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	184.40	194.10	-0.80	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	460.70	485.00	-3.60	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	225.20	237.00	-1.70	
2nd Deposit Acc	272.50	286.80	+0.20	
2nd Gilt Acc	314.20	330.70	-0.40	
2nd Amer Acc	668.70	703.90	-3.60	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	258.30	271.90	-1.40	
2nd Index Acc	206.00	217.50	-1.60	
2nd Far East Acc	432.50	455.30	-21.30	
2nd Global Acc	175.20	184.40	-1.30	
2nd Euro Acc	154.30	162.40	-1.70	
2nd Japan Acc	188.60	198.50	-15.50	
2nd Heritage Acc	71.80	75.50		
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	162.20	170.70	-1.30	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	122.30	128.70	-0.30	
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	567.80	...	-6.10	..
Fixed Interest	419.00	...	-0.50	..
Property	394.50	...	+0.70	..
Deposit	382.40	...	+0.20	..
Mixed	567.80	...	-5.80	..
Indexed Stock	217.30	...	-1.60	..
International	277.40	...	-7.10	..
Equity A	201.70	...	-1.40	..
Fixed Int A	186.20	...	-0.20	..
Property A	156.10	...	+0.80	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Deposit A	166.30	...	+0.20	...
Mixed A	186.90	...	-2.00	...
Index Stock A	170.40	...	-1.30	...
International A	173.60	...	-4.50	...
Equity P	716.40	...	-6.10	...
Fixed Int P	544.30	...	-0.20	...
Property P	285.80	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P	328.80	...	-0.20	...
Mixed P	521.70	...	-6.70	...
Index Stock P	247.10	...	-1.80	...
International P	320.30	...	-10.10	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	599.20	...	-6.70	...
-do- Acc	957.90	...	-9.90	...
Property Cap	152.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	235.20	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	213.30	...	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	330.70	...	-0.30	...
Equity Cap	315.70	...	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	495.30	...	-3.30	...
Internatl Cap	235.30	...	-5.60	...
-do- Acc	365.80	...	-8.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	168.70	...	...	...
-do- Acc	258.80	...	+0.20	...
Flexible Cap	346.30	...	-3.70	...
-do- Acc	541.90	...	-5.40	...
Moneymaker Fd	427.30	...	-3.30	...
Capital Growth	1587.8	...	-14.30	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	404.80	425.10	-2.10	...
Amer Rec Bond	473.40	497.20	-6.10	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	228.70	240.20	-5.30	...
Australasia Bd	214.90	225.80	-6.70	...
Commodity Bond	265.60	279.00	-1.90	...
Deposit Bond Acc	350.80	368.40	+0.20	..
Equity Bond Acc	1380.0	1449.1	-0.20	..
European Bd Acc	342.40	359.60	-4.90	..
Extra Yld Bd Acc	687.30	721.70	+1.00	..
Far East Bd Acc	307.90	323.40	-10.40	..
Gilt Bond Acc	465.20	488.60	-0.10	..
Gold Bond Acc	153.80	161.60	-6.30	..
High Yield Bond	340.00	357.10	-0.50	..
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	217.60	228.50	-1.80	..
International Bd	712.70	748.60	-16.50	..
Japan Bond Acc	247.30	259.80	-18.40	..
Japan Sm Cos Ac	237.00	248.90	-14.60	..
Managed Bonds	832.80	874.60	-10.00	..
Prop Bond Acc	348.50	366.00	+0.30	..
Rec Bond Acc	694.10	728.80	-1.30	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	220.90	232.60	-1.60	
UK Equity Acc	300.60	316.50	-1.90	
Special Sits	89.60	94.40	-1.00	
Special Sits Acc	122.00	128.50	-1.30	
North American	183.60	193.30	-2.30	
N American Acc	250.00	263.20	-2.70	
Pacific Basin	365.90	385.20	-13.60	
Pacific Basin Acc	498.00	524.30	-18.10	
Fixed Interest	304.50	320.60	-0.70	
Fixed Interest Acc	415.00	436.90	-0.60	
Property	155.00	163.20	...	
Property Acc	211.30	222.50	+0.30	
Deposit	152.00	160.00		
Deposit Acc	207.60	218.60	+0.20	
Managed	255.10	268.60	-2.70	
Managed Acc	320.00	336.90	-3.10	
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	679.50	715.30	-5.40	
Property Fund	489.50	515.30	+7.80	
Equity Fund	849.30	894.00	-4.80	
Gilt Edged Fd	629.30	662.40	-0.50	
Deposit Fund	320.20	337.00	+0.20	
Investment Fd	360.40	378.40	-2.10	
International	535.20	563.40	-17.00	
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	421.00	443.10	+0.50	
UK Equity	329.80	347.10	-1.80	
Gilt Edged	592.10	623.20	+0.30	
Interest Fund	368.60	388.00	+0.30	
UK Fund	471.80	496.60	-1.50	
Intl Equity	584.50	615.20	-8.20	
Intl Managed	545.10	573.70	-2.50	
North American	210.90	222.00	-1.60	
Far East	451.30	475.00	-8.70	
Intl Currency	265.70	279.60	-1.40	
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	139.20	146.50	-1.90	
Fixed Interest	544.90	573.50	-0.80	
Managed	669.00	704.20	-8.20	
Deposit	329.40	346.70	+0.10	
Property	394.80	415.50	+0.40	
American	408.80	430.30	-7.70	
Australian	495.20	521.20	-13.70	
European	491.70	517.50	-16.00	
Gilt & Fixed Int	261.80	275.50	...	
Global Managed	134.50	141.50	+1.70	
Income Acc	743.30	782.40	-7.00	
-do- Dist	474.40	499.30	-5.30	4.73
International	306.30	322.40	-7.80	
Japan Smaller	467.60	492.20	-37.20	
Singapore & Mal	350.90	369.30	-1.00	
Smaller Cos	374.40	394.10	-1.50	
Tokyo Fund	610.80	642.90	-38.00	
UK Equity	566.00	595.70	-4.40	
CCM Vanng Mg	713.20	750.70	-5.30	
Equity Pens Cap	949.60	999.50	-10.60	
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	457.30	481.30	-3.70	...
UK Equity	560.30	590.20	-1.20	...
Overseas Equity	449.90	473.50	-11.30	...
Americas	411.90	433.50	-0.70	...
Far East	506.70	533.30	-23.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	197.70	208.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	370.50	390.00	+0.10	...
Indexed Gilt	236.40	248.80	-0.90	...
Deposit	209.50	220.50	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1328.1	1398.0	-14.50	...
Eqty Fund	2880.4	3032.0	-19.40	...
Property Fd	468.80	493.50	+0.60	...
Fixed Int Fd	604.60	636.40	-0.90	...
Deposit Fund	335.70	353.40	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	227.60	239.60	-5.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	149.40	157.30	+2.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	300.80	316.70	+4.40	...
Inv Equity	1161.0	1222.2	-4.70	...
Inv Managed	809.50	852.10	-8.20	...
Ret Managed	900.40	947.80	-6.80	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	280.60	296.00	-0.80	...
Fxd Interest Acc	245.30	258.80	+0.30	...
International Acc	248.20	261.90	-4.40	...
Managed Acc	215.90	227.80	-1.70	...
Property Acc	221.10	233.30	-0.10	...
Money Acc	149.30	157.50	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	226.90	239.40	-2.00	...
Japan Equity Acc	111.30	117.50	-10.20	...
N Amer Acc	167.20	176.40	-1.00	...
Pacific Acc	160.20	169.00	-4.80	...
European Acc	161.80	170.70	-1.20	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	447.70	471.30	-3.80	...
Managed Initial	312.10	328.50	-2.90	...
Equity Ord	667.90	703.10	-3.50	...
Equity Init	465.60	490.10	-2.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	208.80	219.80	-0.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	152.00	160.00	-0.70	...
Oseas Equity Ord	365.70	384.90	-8.20	...
Oseas Equity Init	254.90	268.30	-5.90	...
Property Ord	237.90	250.40		...
Property Init	165.90	174.60	-0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	285.80	300.80		...
Fixed Int Init	199.20	209.70	-0.10	...
Deposit Ord	199.90	210.40	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.30	146.60		...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	320.40	333.80	-2.80	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	728.30	766.60	-5.60	...
Equity Fund	1393.9	1467.3	-5.10	...
Intl Fund	573.80	604.00	-11.70	...
Fixed Interest	587.80	618.80	...	...
Property Fund	392.60	413.30	+1.90	...
Cash Fund	354.10	372.80	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	341.10	359.10	-10.20	...
N American Fd	238.40	251.00	-4.50	...
Euro Fund	245.60	258.60	-3.60	...
Balanced Fund	146.30	154.10	-1.00	...
Strategic Fund	149.40	157.30	-1.50	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1735.00			
-do- Acc	462.80	487.10	...	...
Op Prop	446.40	470.40		
Op Equity	853.10	898.00	-7.70	...
Op High Yield	592.40	623.60	-0.40	...
Op Managed	747.30	786.70	-10.30	...
Op Deposit	380.30	400.40		
Inc Gth	307.90	324.20	-0.70	...
Japan Smlr	233.70	246.00	-18.20	...
Managed Gth	252.50	265.80	-2.50	...
Gilt	85.70	90.30		
British	353.60	372.30	-1.30	...
Global Bond	118.70	125.00	-0.60	...
Global (35,34)	172.90	182.00	-1.20	...
Gold Share	84.50	89.00	-2.70	...
High Income	299.30	315.10	+0.60	...
Income	430.60	453.30	-2.00	...
Japan	369.30	388.80	-17.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	306.60	322.80	-3.40	...
Mngd Growth	444.60	468.00	-3.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	907.60	960.40	-11.90	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	362.30	381.30	-4.70	...
Equity Fund	502.00	528.40	-5.50	...
Property Fund	276.30	290.80	+1.00	...
International	460.90	485.10	-13.30	...
Pacific Basin	284.20	299.10	-16.70	...
United States	245.30	258.20	-2.50	...
Gilt Fund	369.50	388.90	...	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	719.60	761.50	-8.60	2.44
Deposit Fund (2)	356.70	377.50	+0.30	5.99
Gilt Fund	525.70	556.30	-1.10	6.93
Global Equity Fd	223.60	236.70	-5.50	
Property Fund (45)	91.20	96.60	...	6.71
AG Bond Fund	151.10	159.90	-1.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	550.30	579.30	+1.80	...
Fixed Interest	377.50	397.40	+0.30	...
Index-Linked	204.30	215.10	-0.80	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	429.80	452.50	-12.90	...
Property	255.10	268.60	+0.40	...
Cash	223.20	235.00	...	...
Managed	436.90	459.90	-2.80	...
Cap Gteed Bd	107.20	112.90	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	175.64	184.88	+0.13	...
Index-Linked	165.50	174.20	-0.60	...
Fixed Interest	182.80	192.40	-0.10	...
Mixed	241.70	254.40	-3.30	...
UK Equity	230.90	243.10	+0.10	...
International	243.60	256.50	-5.70	...
American	254.90	268.30	-1.10	...
Japan	218.00	229.50	-13.70	...
European	232.00	244.20	-3.30	...
Pacific	352.50	371.10	-12.40	...
Technology	324.00	341.10	-5.30	...
Currncy/Currncy	231.00	243.20	-1.70	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	187.80	197.70	+0.20	...
UK Equity	339.10	357.00	-0.80	...
American	251.60	264.90	-2.80	...
Pacific	346.20	364.50	-12.20	...
European	446.50	470.10	-6.50	...
International	301.00	317.00	-6.50	...
Fixed Interest	250.20	263.50	-0.10	...
Index Linked	202.80	213.60	-1.40	...
Deposit	188.10	198.10	+0.20	...
Managed	274.60	289.10	-2.50	...
Worldwide	122.40	129.00	-1.70	...
Pen Worldwide	129.90	136.80	-2.10	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1543.4	1642.7	...	...
Safety Fund	236.50	249.00	+0.20	...
Growth Fund	221.50	233.20	-0.90	...
Opportunity Fd	218.10	229.60	-0.60	...
Cash Fund	169.10	178.10	+0.10	...
European Fund	326.30	343.50	-3.50	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	204.40	215.20	-0.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	186.40	196.30	-1.20	...
International Fd	278.40	293.10	-5.60	...
North American	239.30	251.90	-1.00	...
Property Fund	118.30	124.60	+0.10	...
UK Equity	232.80	245.10	+1.00	...
UK Smaller	209.60	220.70	-1.10	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	256.10	269.70	-2.00	...
Equity	268.90	283.20	-1.20	...
International	276.20	290.90	-5.60	...
Property	201.50	212.20	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	222.60	234.50	-0.10	...
Index Linked	184.90	194.80	-0.70	...
Cash	181.80	191.40	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	762.50	811.20	-7.30	...
Cash Fund	328.20	345.90	+0.30	...
Property Fund	227.30	242.10	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	905.60	963.50	-16.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	456.70	481.30	-1.20	...
International	407.10	433.10	-9.20	...
High Income	672.70	715.70	-2.20	...
Far East	572.30	608.90	-14.20	...
North American	540.70	575.30	-7.40	...
Special Sits	607.90	646.80	-6.40	...
Technology	524.90	558.50	-6.80	...
Extra Income Fd	363.70	387.00	-1.10	...
Gilt Fund	480.30	511.00	+0.20	...
European	145.90	155.30	-2.10	...
Adventurous Mg	209.70	220.80	-3.60	...
Secure Mgd	141.90	151.00	-0.80	...
Equity Inc Dist	117.30	124.80	-0.70	4.53
North American	111.50	118.70	-1.00	5.17
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	916.50	916.50	+2.20	...
Inv Pol 2	835.10	879.10	+2.10	...
Inv Pol 3	802.30	844.60	+2.00	...
Inv Cash	303.50	319.60	+0.60	...
Mixed Fund	436.50	459.60	-2.70	...
Equity Fund	511.20	538.20	-1.50	...
Property Fund	215.80	227.30	+0.40	...
International Fd	467.60	492.30	-10.90	...
Fixed Interest Fd	385.60	406.00	-0.20	...
Indexed Stock Fd	205.20	216.10	-0.90	...
Cash Fund	220.70	232.50	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	358.90	377.70	-4.60	...
Equity Acc	415.10	436.90	-4.10	...
International Acc	329.50	346.80	-14.00	...
Property	211.30	222.40	-0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	229.70	241.70	-3.90	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	260.70	274.50	+0.30	..
Equity	958.80	1009.3	+5.00	..
European	159.00	167.40	-1.00	..
Far East	165.30	174.10	-5.80	..
Fixed Interest	409.90	431.50	+0.30	..
Index Linked	212.70	223.90	-0.80	..
International	596.10	627.50	-11.50	..
Managed	675.90	711.50	-1.00	..
Nth American	145.90	153.60	-0.10	..
Property	328.30	345.60	+0.50	..
Pensions				
Cash	401.90	423.10	+0.40	..
Equity	1371.4	1443.6	+1.90	..
European	189.70	199.70	-1.80	..
Far East	132.00	139.00	-5.40	..
Fixed Interest	551.50	580.60	+0.50	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Index Linked	294.50	310.00	-1.10	...
International	837.40	881.50	-18.20	...
Managed	942.40	992.00	-4.10	...
Nth American	181.80	191.40	-0.50	...
Property	419.60	441.70	+1.40	...
Stock Exchange	213.00	224.30	-1.00	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	629.30	662.50	-6.20	...
Equity Fund	831.50	875.30	-2.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	430.50	453.20	-0.20	...
Index-Linked Fd	314.50	331.10	-0.90	...
Property Fund	467.30	491.90	+6.00	...
International Fd	609.80	641.90	-14.40	...
N American Fd	237.60	250.20	-2.40	...
Far East Fund	223.90	235.70	-6.00	...
Deposit Fund	286.20	301.30	+0.20	...
International Bd	£85.20	...	-0.25	...
Worldwide Bond	165.10	173.80	-1.50	...
Worldwide Fincl	79.80	84.00	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	94.90	99.90	+0.10	...
European	152.80	160.90	-2.40	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	618.10	650.70	-11.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	444.80	472.90	-9.20	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£335.60	...	+6.60	...
-do- Acc	£501.70	...	+6.10	...
Agricultural Fd	£774.80	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£744.40	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£410.10	...	+3.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£435.10	...	+3.60	...
Investment Fd	£333.20	...	-3.10	...
Investment (A)	£320.40	...	-3.00	...
Equity	£1203.7	...	-3.00	...
Equity Acc	£1155.3	...	-2.90	...
Money Fund	£454.10	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£435.10	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£562.20	...	-3.60	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£402.10	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£402.10	...	-0.10	...
Retire Annuity	£1055.0	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£313.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£218.80	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ *Dealing: 0256 841414*				
Growth Account	£1379.5	...	-15.70	...
Managed Acc	£811.20	...	-5.40	...
Equity Account	£1132.2	...	-7.40	...
Mngd Fund Acc	375.20	395.00	+2.60	...
Equity Fund Acc	497.70	523.90	+3.40	...
Prop Fund Acc	228.20	240.20	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	322.10	339.10	+6.00	...
Money Fund Acc	214.90	226.20	+0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	215.30	226.60	+1.60	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1782.5		-10.60	...
Pens Mngd Acct	828.80	872.40	-5.10	...
Pens Guarantee	230.90	243.10	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	311.90	328.40	-1.80	...
Pens Property	254.30	267.70	+0.50	...
Pens Fixed Int	289.50	304.70	-0.60	...
Pens Intl	232.50	244.70	-3.40	...
Pens Money	227.10	239.10	+0.20	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	201.40	212.10	-0.40	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	867.60	913.30	-5.10	...
Property Acc	332.90	350.40	+3.80	...
Equity Acc	1402.3	1476.2	-0.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	407.30	428.80	+0.50	...
Index-Linked Acc	210.90	222.00	-1.20	...
Cash Acc	300.00	315.80	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	353.80	372.50	-5.50	...
Japan Acc	287.50	302.70	-18.40	...
Pacific Acc	356.10	374.90	-3.60	...
Far Eastern Acc	829.90	873.60	-13.90	...
International Acc	553.90	583.10	-13.90	...
Distribution Fund	297.60	302.80	-0.50	5.78
European	176.70	186.00	-2.30	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	274.70	289.20	-1.50	...
Property Fund	193.00	203.30	+3.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	227.50	239.60	-0.20	...
Money Fund	193.80	204.10	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	358.10	377.00	-3.10	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	242.40	255.20	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	45.50	48.90	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	327.80	345.10	-0.40	...
Gold	86.50	91.20	-0.50	...
Managed	599.60	631.30	+1.40	...
Mngd Growth	188.60	198.60	+1.70	...
Mngd Opp	197.10	207.50	+1.40	...
Property	266.20	280.30		
Residential Prop	96.20	101.40	+2.10	...
TSB American	206.60	217.60	-1.20	...
TSB Brit Gwth	790.40	841.60	-3.70	...
TSB European	253.60	267.10	-6.30	...
TSB Income	387.50	408.00	-0.80	...
TSB Intl	410.50	432.20	-6.10	...
TSB Intl Inc	289.60	304.90	-1.30	...
TSB Pacific	392.40	413.20	-13.90	...
TSB Prem Inc	265.50	277.30	+0.50	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	680.10	716.60	-11.50	...
Money Fund	307.30	323.50	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	570.60	601.30	-6.70	...
Fixed Interest	281.70	296.80	-0.50	...
Property Fund	341.50	359.80	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	566.90	596.30	-12.60	...
Income	706.70	744.70	-2.90	...
International Gth	596.50	629.60	-19.90	...
Capital Fund	578.10	609.20	-0.70	..
Recovery Fund	593.90	625.40	-11.90	...
Japan & General	258.70	272.60	-18.00	...

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No consensus on mortgage rate prospects

Experts are completely at odds with each other over whether mortgage rates have bottomed out or there is still further to go. Liz Dolan reports

This week's cut in base rates appears to have done nothing to free the housing market from the vicious circle in which it has been trapped for five years. If anything, it has served to highlight the dilemma facing potential home buyers.

While they scan the horizon for signs of economic recovery, industry waits anxiously for an improvement in the housing market. Until the solution to this particular Catch 22 can be found, rate cuts will have little impact.

Before this week's reductions, mortgage rates were already at their lowest levels for 14 years in relation to average earnings. But most people will not move without evidence of a sustained improvement in house prices and solid signs of economic recovery.

A report published this week by the Association of London Authorities underlined the continuing seriousness of the problem of falling house prices. It said that four out of five recent home buyers in London, 280,000 householders, still had negative equity averaging £10,000. Nationally, nearly 1.5 million home owners could not sell because their homes were worth less than their mortgages, it said.

Mark Hemingway of the Halifax is convinced that the housing market will lead the rest of the economy out of recession. "But there's no getting away from the fact that the main problem at the moment is a general lack of confidence, and that's why it's vital that the Chancellor does nothing to rock the boat next Tuesday," he says.

Some fear that the base rate cut is a forerunner to a further reduction in mortgage interest relief (Miras) in the Budget. The value to borrowers of a 0.5 per cent cut in interest payments on a £50,000 mortgage roughly offsets the cost of a five-point reduction in Miras.

Lenders have reacted cautiously. The Royal Bank of Scotland has said it will cut its variable rate by the full 0.5 per cent to 7.49 per cent. The Bank of Ireland has reduced its rate to 7.6 per cent for existing customers. A handful, including the Nationwide Building Society and National Westminster Bank, have already announced a 0.25 per cent reduction. Others, notably the Halifax, have signalled their intention to cut, but are waiting until the Budget before deciding the size of the reduction. The majority have yet to respond in any way.

> **'I can't see how mortgage rates can ever go below 6.99 per cent'**

Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Bank, forecasts a sustained period of low rates. He predicts that bank base rates will have fallen to 4 per cent by the middle of 1994 at the latest, and sees no reason why they should return the high rates the country has experienced over the past decade or so. "A year ago, most people thought I was mad when I predicted that rates would be down to 5 per cent by the end of this year. More and more people are now forecasting 5 per cent or even 4.5 per cent in the next few months.

"The economy is already fundamentally weak. It will be even weaker next April when previous tax changes come into force. Inflation is now dead. People who talk about interest rates picking up again are just extrapolating from the past. It's a different world now."

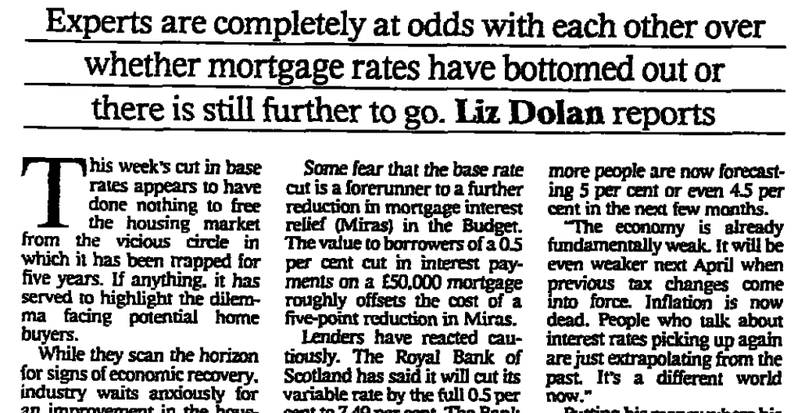
Putting his money where his mouth is, Mr Bootle has just moved house and has taken out a floating-rate loan tied to base rates. "Fixed-rate mortgages are madness," he says. "Well, all right, it does depend how nervous you are. Many people have been through a difficult time and may want to be able to say: 'I know I can afford £x a month.' But I would describe a fixed rate mortgage as paying more for the protection it gives you."

Ian Darby of mortgage broker John Charcol takes the opposite view. "I would say that, if everyone follows Nationwide's 0.25 per cent cut, it will show what good value most fixed rates are. BNP and Cheltenham & Gloucester, for instance, are offering a five year fix at 6.99 per cent. Even if there is another base rate cut, how much is likely to be passed on to the borrower?"

Mr Darby considers that base rates will have to fall at least another percentage point, probably more, before mortgage rates will fall below current fixed-rate levels. "I struggle to see how mortgage rates can ever drop below 6.99 per cent."

John Wriglesworth, building societies analyst at UBS, is another who cannot believe that rates will remain low. He is uncertain how much lower base rates will affect building society mortgage rates because of the knock-on effect on savings rates. Societies are required by law to fund the bulk of their mortgage lending with investors' deposits.

At the moment, building society savers still outnumber borrowers by nearly seven to one. But base rate cuts mean a "double whammy" for the societies, Mr Wriglesworth says. They are already having to compete on the savings side with a rising stock market and National Savings rates, buoyed by the Government's need to fund a £50 billion borrowing requirement. Banks are increasingly able to take advantage of lower money market rates to fund cheaper mortgages. Societies have only limited access to these funds because of the legal restrictions.



ANDREW HASSON



Bryan Thompson's endowment-linked loan on his Eastbourne home will not be paid off until 2008

A moving story of our times

When Bryan Thompson retired this year, he and his wife, Rhian, still had a £30,000 mortgage on their £110,000 house. He says now: "At the time, I didn't give it much thought, but now I regret not paying it off earlier."

They moved to their present home in Eastbourne in 1988. At first, they opted for a repayment mortgage. However, the manager of their local Woolwich branch, a personal friend, recommended they change to an endowment-linked loan.

This will not mature until 2008. Mr Thompson will then be 77. "If I won the pools, probably the first thing I'd do is tool down to the Woolwich and pay off the mortgage. I'd be quite happy to keep the endowment going. I just want to be shot of the loan. It made sense to keep it going when we were both working because of the tax. Now I've retired, I'm obviously paying far less tax."

In 1962, the couple bought their first home, in Clydlach, a small village near Swansea, for £3,200. They took out a mortgage for 90 per cent. "It seemed an enormous amount at the time." Both are dentists and, to begin with, the house served as a home and work premises.

Over the next ten years, they had three children, Justin, now a 31-year-old GP in Dorking, Tracey, 29, a psychology student at Sussex University, and David, two years her junior, a futures and options dealer. "In 1972, we decided we were fed up with having our practice at home. Anyone with toothache just rang up at any time." So, they bought a large Victorian terraced house in Swansea with "a cellar, huge lounge, attics — and no patients". It cost £25,000. The mortgage was "around £20,000 — it's difficult to remember".

Six years later, Mr Thompson took a job as a dental adviser at the Dental Practice Board in Eastbourne. Both home and practice were sold, and the Thompsons bought a large cottage Tudor-style cottage for £37,000, again with a £20,000 mortgage. They moved to a smaller house in 1988 after the children moved away. "But, in about five or six years' time, we may move to an even smaller one."

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

Insurers courting trouble

It is not surprising that policyholders gain the impression that insurers never want to pay out. Stories abound of disputed claims and insurance investigators travelling the world to prove a policyholder is deceased.

Now Aegon Life Assurance has announced that it is to challenge in the High Court 23 orders made by Dr Julian Farrand, the Insurance Ombudsman, to pay compensation to its policyholders. The company has been told to pay a total approaching £1 million to investors who believed that a guarantee to pay an annual return of 10 per cent meant that they would get just that.

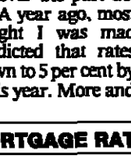
Dr Farrand received almost 50 cases concerning the life company's single-premium investment bonds sold by a financial adviser called Ashlands. Although the company's name was used to sell the broker bonds, it is now trying to say that it is not responsible for the promises made between 1984 and 1987.

The company was obviously quite happy to let the cases go to the Ombudsman to start with. Presumably, it thought it would win. After all, the odds are two to one in favour of the insurance companies. The findings must have come as a shock.

Ombudsmen have provided insurance, bank, building society and other investment customers with a simple and cheap way of getting redress. They also allow companies to get rid of vexatious litigants.

Remarkably, all the main ombudsmen appear consistently to find in favour of 35 or 36 per cent of complainants and throw out all the other cases.

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK
Deputy Business Editor

This is partly because the organisations now know when they will be better off settling. This week Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, acknowledged that his case load had not risen because the more straightforward cases were dealt with in-house.

The existence of an ombudsman is a powerful ally for all customers. Should the High Court find for Aegon, a new doubt will exist for all who pursue a complaint. What if I win and the company decides to go to court?

Companies that belong to ombudsman schemes have usually agreed to abide by the findings. It would be unfortunate if other companies follow Aegon's lead. Investors may well fear that companies will be happy for the Ombudsman to take any flak when a case is turned down but will dispute cases where the policyholder wins.

Whatever the result, the publicity is a useful reminder that guarantees are in most cases only as good as the company providing them. Investors currently seeking high and safe returns must remember that the higher the interest or income promised the greater is the risk that it will not be paid. Customers should also pay closer attention to who is selling an investment and how closely he or she is attached to the company that offers the product.

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Paper tale

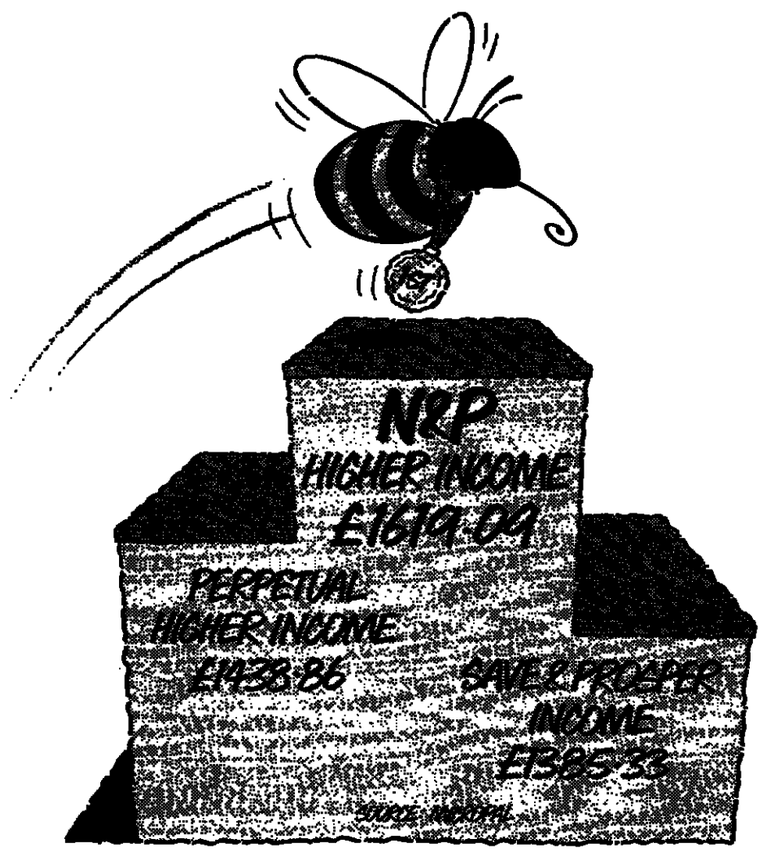
Paperless dealing systems frighten many small investors. When the Stock Exchange was managing to lose £80 million in attempting to produce a stockbroking system with no share certificates, little heed seemed to be given to individuals who felt they were being railroaded towards a riskier investment environment.

They were derided by the professionals when they said they wanted to keep their certificates, and ridiculed when they said they did not trust nominee accounts and did not want to pay extra charges to help the professionals.

Now the Bank of England is trying again, and it has listened to those small investors. The Crest system, according to the working party's consultative document, will allow investors to keep their share certificates if they want to. Many will not want the bother, but others, remembering Barlow Clowes and many other tawdry frauds, will want to know they have them safe.

Not everyone has listened to investors, though. Some unit trust groups are doing away with certificates. Their investors are less than happy. Until there is a greater degree of trust in the market place those companies may be avoided by the cautious.

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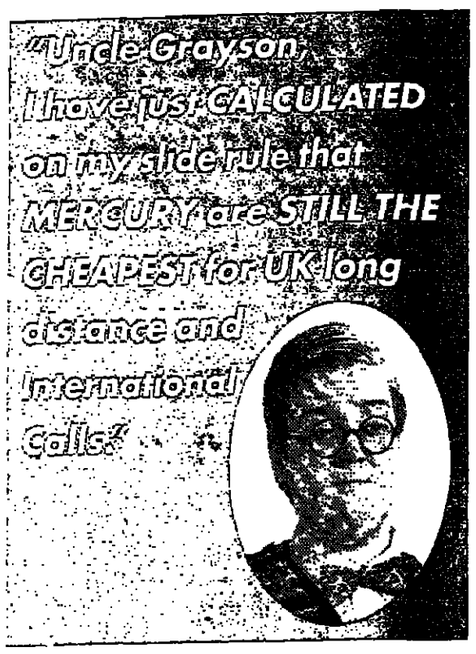
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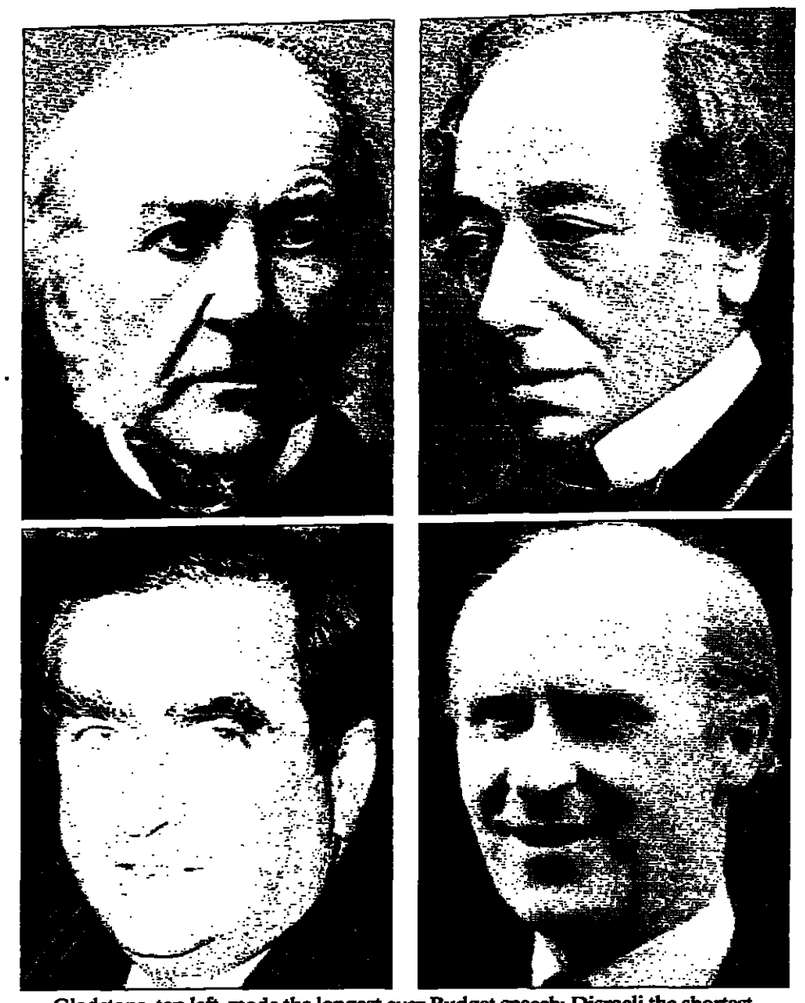
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Serious event that becomes an excuse for merriment

Margaret Dibben looks back on 600 years of twittling and tippling to keep Britain's finances in order



Gladstone, top left, made the longest-ever Budget speech; Disraeli the shortest. *Denis Healey, left, drank brandy at the dispatch box; Anthony Barber sipped water*

Tuesday's Budget will be the first to be delivered in November and the first from Kenneth Clarke.

While it is exceedingly serious for the country, the Budget is treated as a spectator sport both inside and outside the House of Commons. Family photographs of the Chancellor will appear in the weekend papers, MPs will wear fancy dress on the day and bets will be placed on how long the speech will last.

The longest Budget speech was made by Gladstone in 1853; it lasted four hours and 45 minutes. The shortest, by *Disraeli, lasted 45 minutes in* 1867. More recent speeches have tended to take between 1½ and 2½ hours and James Callaghan's compact one took precisely an hour in 1964, probably because he usually spoke very rapidly. A year later he was timed to be speaking at 9,500 words an hour. Chancellors used to talk for a very long time because the speech had to last until the money markets closed. Sir Geoffrey Howe admitted in 1982: "You've got to twittle on, for the City." Now that the markets never sleep, speeches could be cut shorter but there are no signs yet of brevity.

Not surprisingly, then, having a glass of something is just as vital for Chancellors on Budget day as the red box. Mr Clarke has not yet named his tipple but he might break the recent run of dedicated water drinkers. Norman Lamont chose Scottish spring water and John Major picked Church Stretton mineral water. Nigel Lawson favoured Ashbourne water or a mixture of English wine and Malvern water; with six Budgets to his name, he had time to experiment.

Water was also the choice of Anthony Barber, Sir Peter Thorneycroft, Sir Harold Macmillan and Rab Butler. James Callaghan added a touch of quinine. Others went for alcohol: Sir Geoffrey Howe chose gin and tonic, Denis Healey preferred brandy and water, Selwyn Lloyd liked whisky and water and Sir Derick Heathcoat-Amory mixed rum and honey in cold milk.

KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountants, have trawled the history books and produced a compendium of facts about Chancellors and their Budgets dating back to the earliest days. The first known Budget attempt was by Edward III in 1362 although the word "budget" was first used in 1733 and took 20 years to fall into common use. Yet the meaning of the word is not as obvious as it sounds. It is thought to derive from an old French word *bougette*, meaning a little bag. The word "exchequer", dating from the Norman Conquest, derives from the Latin *scaccarium*, meaning a chequered board because the money was counted out on a squared tablecloth.



UNIFIED BUDGET 1993

The red leather Budget box was made for Gladstone in about 1860 and has been used by every Chancellor since, apart from James Callaghan who had a new, larger box made in brown leather. The traditional photo-opportunity on the doorstep of No 11 Downing Street probably started with Hugh Dalton, the first post-second world war Chancellor. He was forced to resign in 1947 when he inadvertently told a journalist that he was putting one old penny on a pint of beer and a new tax on dog racing and football pools.

Harold Macmillan was the oldest post-war Chancellor at 61; the youngest was Hugh Gaitskell at 44. The youngest-ever Chancellor was William Pitt the Younger, who was 23 when appointed in 1782. He failed in his attempts to repay the national debt. Pitt the Younger was Chancellor and prime minister, but it is unusual for a Chancellor to rise to premier status. The only three to have succeeded since 1945 have been Macmillan, Major and Callaghan, who is the only Chancellor to have inside experience of working for the Inland Revenue, which he joined as a tax officer in 1929.

For more than 200 years Budgets have been delivered in the spring because originally most taxes came from land ownership and April was the start of the agricultural year. Now the Budget has been brought forward to coincide with annual expenditure plans, which in the last couple of decades have been announced at this time of year.

More time possible on council tax appeals

Robert Miller says appellants may still be able to object after the official cut-off date

Officially, householders have just three days left in which to appeal against their council tax valuations. But the November 30 deadline is not the final cut-off point and there are several ways in which appeals can still be made, according to Council Tax Legal Services, the independent consultant.

Latest figures from the Department of the Environment show that a total of 750,000 appeals have been lodged with valuation officers since the Council Tax was introduced in April. The Government had expected at least a million.

Alan Murdie, a barrister and consultant with CTLS, says that tax payers have been led to believe that failure to appeal before the November 30 deadline means that the property will remain in the current band until the next general valuation. But he says: "That may not occur for another decade. The government has failed to state whether one will occur at all."

The grounds for appealing after the deadline has expired include properties where there has been a material reduction in value caused by a change in the physical surroundings of the house, or "blighting".

More importantly, says Mr Murdie, "appeals can still be made where there has been a change in the person paying council tax on the dwelling. In which case there is a new right of appeal which exists for six months from the first day of the change."

According to the DoE many of the appeals in the pipeline will be settled by agreement between the local valuation officer and the appellant before they reach the tribunal. In any event says a spokesman: "Council tax payers who want to appeal do not have to have legal representation or experts on hand. The appeals system has been designed to put people at ease."

The first step in the do-it-yourself route is to contact the listing officer at the local Inland Revenue valuation office and complete a form.

To some extent, council tax bills have been artificially kept down by the government-funded £340 million transitional relief package. This is expected to carry on for a second year and the exact sum is due to be announced shortly after Tuesday's budget. Local authorities say that not knowing how much funding will be available is stopping them setting future budgets.

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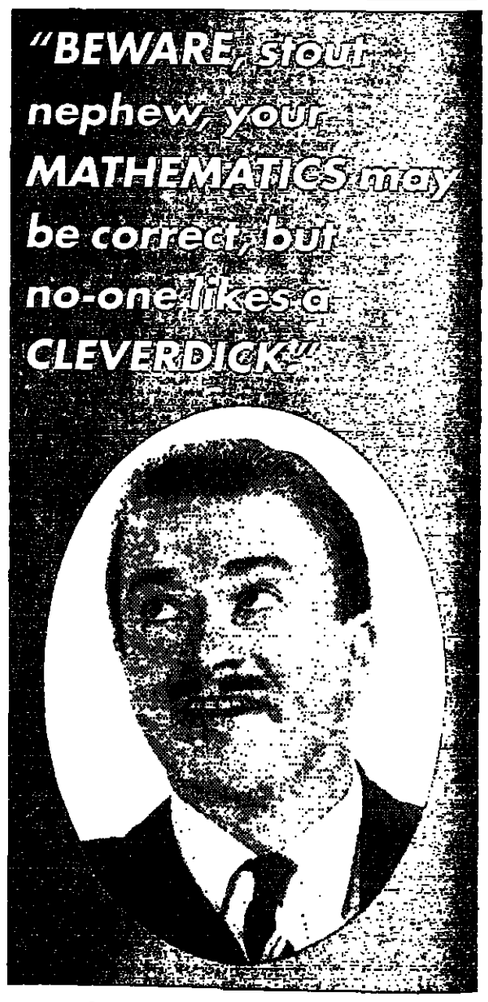
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Historic pointers to Budget day share moves

Liz Dolan assesses the odds on how equities should perform

When Chancellors speak on Budget day, stock markets react, sometimes in a big way. In 1970, share prices rose by more than 6 per cent in response to the first Conservative Budget since 1964 when Chancellor Anthony Barber reduced taxes and announced the eventual introduction of VAT. Conversely, the FT-SE 100 dropped by 1.3 per cent just two years ago in response to Norman Lamont's first Budget. David Schwartz, editor of the 1994 Investor's Diary, has studied share price trends for every Budget since 1936. He has found that, despite the preceding apprehension and gloom, investors usually do well on the day.

Since 1936, share prices have risen immediately after seven out of every ten Budget speeches and have fallen only 24 per cent of the time. When prices fall, they can do so by a large margin as frightened investors push the sell button. These declines are getting bigger. Between the 1930s and the end of the 1960s, Budget day share price falls averaged 0.35 per cent, equal to about 11 points on today's FT-SE 100 index. Between 1970 and 1992, the average fall more than doubled to 0.94 per cent

Mr Schwartz suggests that the problem is not just a single day's fall. His research shows that, if share prices do drop on Budget day, the odds overwhelmingly favour a further decline during the rest of Budget week.

Since 1938, there have been ten occasions when share prices fell by at least 0.26 per cent (eight points on the FT-SE 100) on Budget day. In each of those years, prices declined



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still further over the subsequent three days. At their lowest point, shares had fallen by an average 2.61 per cent from their already depressed Budget day low. This is equal to an 81-point decline on today's index. On the whole, Budget day share prices tend to rise rather than fall. But in the five days before the Budget, prices have fallen in seven out of every ten years since 1936.

If prices rise in the week before Budget day, the odds heavily favour a rise on the day itself.

If prices fall by 3 per cent or more in the five-day run-up, there is a very strong chance they will also rise on Budget day. Shares rose in six of the seven years when the decline was 3 per cent or more.

According to Mr Schwartz, the direction of prices on Budget day itself sends no usable signal to longer-term investors. So no one should try to make a snap prediction of where prices are heading merely by noting closing prices on Tuesday night.

Instead, Mr Schwartz favours watching the price trend in the four-week run-up to Budget day. If prices rise more than 5 per cent, it is a clear signal that further price increases are due in the four weeks that follow Budget day.

On Tuesday, November 2 this year, the FT-SE 100 closed at 3,164.1. Yesterday, it closed at 3,111.4, 1.7 per cent lower over the four weeks.

☐ The 1994 *Investor's Diary* costs £24.95 from Burleigh Publishing Company (0453 731173).

Water bills could soar to pay cost of EC measures

A European directive on cleaning up pollution is worrying the government, says Robert Miller

The prospect of household water bills jumping by as much as £500 over the next five years forced Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to put the issue at the top of the agenda at this week's meeting of EC finance ministers.

Compliance with the European Community's Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, which will account for the rise, was an unscheduled addition to the Chancellor's agenda. Its appearance was an indication of the government's serious concern.

The total cost of meeting the required EC standards for waste-water treatment could total £12 billion over the next decade. Without government funding, consumers will have to foot the bill. There could also be implications for the level of dividend payments to the 850,000 shareholders in the ten privatised water companies.

According to a recent report published by the National Consumer Council, the average household water and sewerage bill has risen by 57 per cent since 1989. Bill increases for the next year range from 2 per cent to 10 per cent above the rate of inflation.

Linda Lennard, the NCC's senior policy officer, argues that households should not have to bear all the costs: "The water companies should accept lower profit levels and pay less in dividends. They could also borrow money at favourable terms from financial institutions. After all, they are low-risk companies thriving in a monopolistic environment. The cost could be spread over generations rather than be paid for immediately."

Guy Linley-Adams, water campaigner at Friends of the Earth, adds: "We support a pesticide tax on manufacturers to pay for cleaning up our drinking water. Let the polluter pay."

Household water bills could jump by as much as £500 in the next five years

Chris Hines, general secretary of the campaign group Surfers Against Sewage, believes that government funding is essential if beaches are to meet the required standards of cleanliness. He says: "The government should make a contribution to a central fund to which all the water companies should have to pay something. The South West has 32 per cent of the UK's most popular beaches supported by a customer base of only 3 per cent."

This week South West Water, which reported a 2.9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £50.3m in the six months to end September, argued that the timetable for implementing the EC directive was "a government issue".

Mr Hines points to the example of Welsh Water as showing what can be achieved. Welsh Water, which is responsible for a long stretch of coastline, has embarked on a £1 billion investment programme.

Nigel Annett, the company's director of planning, explains: "Our customers have said they are prepared to pay another 2 per cent on their bills. We will also be borrowing money at the rate of some £100 million a year by the end of the decade."

Colin Skellett, managing director of Wessex Water, argues: "The dividends that Wessex has paid out are about half the amount we used to pay to the government in pre-privatisation days. We have to maintain a certain dividend level to protect investor confidence."

Ofwat, the water industry's regulator, is to re-set the formula by which companies can raise their prices next July. Dilys Plant, Ofwat spokeswoman, says: "If the government is unable to slow down the timetable for implementation of the EC directive then customers will inevitably face much higher bills."

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Chris Hines says government and water companies should pay

How the bills will be met

AMID the controversy over higher water rates there is another debate over how consumers should pay their bills in future. Water companies must find an alternative to the present system of billing by the old rateable value of the property by April 2000.

The choice has narrowed to three possibilities: water metering on consumption; a flat licence fee; or a banding system based on property size, valuation or other criteria.

Ofwat, the industry regulator, favours a selected metering option where installation costs are cheap or water is in short supply. To date, Anglian and Essex Water have opted for metering, while Northumbrian, North West and Welsh Water have decided against.

According to *The Water Metering Trials Final Report*, published by the Water Services Association and based on 60,000 households, the cost of installing internal meters averaged £165 and external meters £200. About 5 to 10 per cent of properties were too expensive to meter. Any consumer is entitled to ask for a meter under the meter option scheme.

Ofwat opposes a banding system akin to the council tax, but it is even less keen on a flat rate licence fee as it would be unpopular and unfair.

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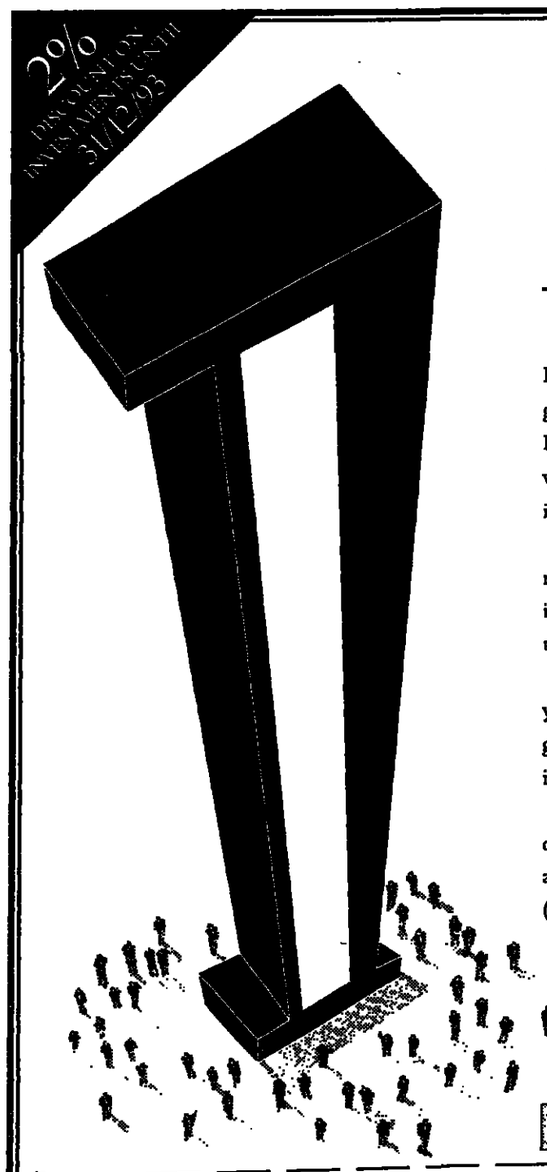
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When more banking assistance is needed

Sara McConnell looks at ways of resolving disputes over bank charges and interest

Despite improved attempts by the banks to tell customers of the cost of unauthorised overdrafts and bounced cheques, Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, said this week that many users were still incurring escalating charges.

Since the Code of Banking Practice was introduced in March 1992, banks are meant to tell customers what they will be charged for services. The major clearing banks say they have started sending out tariffs of charges and displaying lists in branches.

Nonetheless, disputes about charges and interest accounted for nearly a fifth of new complaints to the ombudsman last year. Mr Shurman said that customers with small, unauthorised overdrafts could find their indebtedness could quickly mount out of all proportion, and called for the banks to "show more sensitivity than they sometimes do".

Although banks are supposed to "encourage" people in financial difficulty to let them know as soon as possible, Mr Shurman said: "The experience of this office is that much more assistance is required".

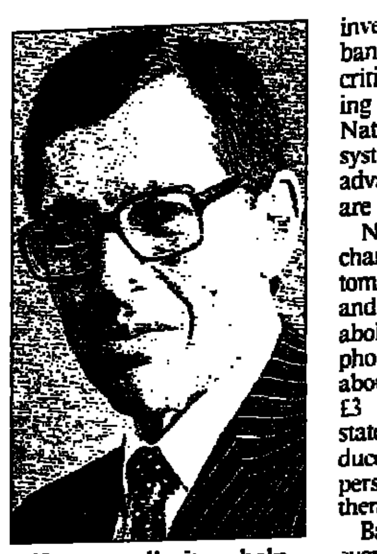
Mr Shurman outlined a typical scenario. "The complainant has a personal account and a chequecard. He also has a small, agreed overdraft of, say, £200, but has had great difficulty keeping within it. As a result of using his chequecard, his indebtedness has crept up to £310. He has then incurred interest at the higher, unauthorised rate of the excess borrowing.

"He also becomes liable to pay increased, monthly service charges. Because of the extent of the unauthorised overdraft, his direct debits are dishonoured, thereby incurring further charges. In desperation to meet the dishonoured payments, he writes cheques to pay them.

The cheques are also dishonoured and that generates more charges. The bank is not obliged to give advice and does not do so. The complainant fails to cancel his direct-debit instructions, which means further charges are incurred the next month.

"Still more charges may be added for reminder letters. It is at this stage that the complainant telephones or writes to the ombudsman seeking help, often expressing anger at what he sees as the bank's attempt to profit from his misfortune."

However, there is a limit to what the banking ombudsman can do. Mr Shurman says: "The services which banks provide have to be paid for from somewhere; so has the interest which is now paid to customers on credit balances in current accounts."



Shurman: limit on help

In many cases, when complaints are subjected to a fuller investigation, it turns out that customers were told of charges but had not taken this in. Only just under 7 per cent of complaints turned into full investigations. The clearing banks reject Mr Shurman's criticism, saying they are doing all they can. So far, only NatWest has established a system of telling people in advance, 14 days, what they are going to be charged.

NatWest has abolished charges for letters telling customers they are overdrawn and Lloyds is the latest to abolish its £10 charge for phoning or writing to people about being overdrawn and its £3 charge for advising by statement. Lloyds will introduce pre-advised charges for personal customers who want them next year.

Barclays has not charged for overdraft letters for two years. It says it displays its tariff "prominently" in branches and has sent everyone copies of the code. Midland says charges are displayed in branches. It has not charged for unauthorised overdraft letters since May.

BRIEFINGS

The acquisition by Private Patients Plan of the dental insurance group Denplan, announced yesterday, could lead to the establishment of joint medical/dental insurance packages, with an attendant saving on premiums. A PPP spokesman said: "It is far too early to say what is going to happen, but it would not be unnatural to assume the existence of synergy benefits for consumers." He added that PPP was particularly interested in Denplan's unfortunately titled "capitation" policy, under which patients paid dentists to keep their teeth healthy "along the lines of the Chinese medical system".

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Burmah Cst	1,900	Legal & Gn	1,000	Schroders	44	Wolseley	628
Cable Wire	4,900	Lloyds Bk	3,100	Scot & New	2,500	Zeneca	1,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3680.87 (-6.71)
S&P Composite 462.91 (+0.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16726.37 (-496.55)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9274.42 (-11.89)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 136.8 (+1.1)

Sydney: AO 2043.1 (+1.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2047.24 (-0.47)

FT 30 share: 2369.3 (+14.1)

Brussels:
General 7109.20 (+32.64)

Paris: CAC 597.01 (+12.33)

Zurich: SKA Gen 639.50 (+4.00)

London:
FT A All-Share 1533.30 (+7.46)
FT 500 1642.92 (+6.04)
FT Gold Mines 235.0 (-0.6)
FT Fixed Interest 124.23 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs 103.64 (same)
Bargains 34312
SEAQ Volume 696.6m
USM (Datastrm) 148.66 (-0.49)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 22	December 3	February 24	March 7

Call options were taken out on 26/11/93: Aerospace Eng, Atreus, Avesco, BTR Wts 97, Caverdale, Chloride Group, Eidos, Enterprise Comp, Harmony Group, Hobsons, Kewill Systems, J Laing, Mining & Allied. **Puts:** Br Aerospace, Enterprise Comp, Euro Disney, Goldsmiths, LBMS, Shoprite. **Put & Call:** LWT.

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	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 69578)	Dec 93	3118.0	3143.0	3106.0	3125.0	12705
	Mar 94	3131.5	3153.0	3127.0	3142.5	315
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 397254)	Dec 93	94.63	94.64	94.61	94.62	7929
	Mar 94	94.84	94.85	94.81	94.82	5758
	Jun 94	94.88	94.85	94.81	94.82	3698
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 14340)	Dec 93	96.51	96.53	96.51	96.52	653
	Mar 94	96.44	96.44	96.43	96.43	89
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 729251)	Dec 93	93.87	93.90	93.87	93.90	12287
	Mar 94	94.61	94.64	94.59	94.64	19776
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 125539)	Dec 93	115-21	115-30	115-18	115-27	57867
	Mar 94	115-02	114-09	114-30	115-06	34061
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.58				
	Mar 94		114.88			
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 21407)	Dec 93	103.04	103.07	102.98	102.99	1846
	Mar 94				103.13	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 154824)	Dec 93	99.90	100.05	99.84	99.92	88141
	Mar 94	99.99	100.12	99.94	99.99	13448
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 35981)	Dec 93	93.40	93.40	93.38	93.39	1096
	Mar 94	94.09	94.12	94.08	94.10	631
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 56868)	Dec 93	95.67	95.67	95.61	95.61	1783
	Mar 94	96.23	96.23	96.18	96.21	2866
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 107529)	Dec 93	113.02	113.16	112.36	112.66	37970
	Mar 94	113.30	113.30	112.70	112.95	6644

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	550	50	62½	67	7½	13	24
(*593)	600	17½	31	38½	25	—	49½
Argyll	260	15½	26	32	13	18	25
(*263)	280	6½	16½	23	28	30½	37½
ASDA	50	6½	8	10½	3	5	6
(*52½)	60	2½	4½	6	9	11½	12½
Boots	500	46	57½	65	5½	13	21
(*534)	550	15	28	36½	27	34½	44½
Br Airways	390	38	49	56	8	15	23
(*421)	420	20	32	40	21	27	37½
BP	330	18	24½	29½	10½	17½	20
(*333)	360	5½	10	16½	31	34	37½
Br Steel	110	14	18½	24	4	7	9½
(*119)	120	7	13	18	8	12	14½
C & W	450	32½	45	56	13	21½	26½
(*470)	475	19	29½	42½	24	32	37
CU	600	24	33½	45½	16	29½	35
(*602½)	650	5½	14	24	49½	61	66½
ICI	691	55	—	—	9½	—	—
(*719½)	750	15½	27	37½	45	62½	69
Kingfisher	650	37½	53	61	15	25	36½
(*660)	700	14	29½	37½	43	52	63½
Land Sec	700	46	60	68	9	16	27
(*736)	750	15	31	40	31	40	50
M & S	420	17½	27	32	14½	19	26
(*420)	460	4	11	16	41	45	49½
Nat West	500	49	54½	62	5½	15½	20½
(*537½)	550	17	25	34	25½	42	45½
Sainsbury	390	21	34	45	15	20	28
(*398½)	420	8	18	27	31	37½	45
Shell	650	42½	49½	57½	7	19½	28
(*678)	700	14½	22	32	31½	47	52½
SmKl Bch	390	26½	36½	46½	16½	26	32½
(*395)	420	14	24	34	34	43½	49½
Storehse	200	9½	15	19½	9	13	16½
(*201)	220	3	7	11½	23½	26	29
Trafalgar	90	6	10½	12	6	9	11
(*91)	100	2½	6½	8	13	14½	17
Unilever	1100	48	69	82	24	45	55
(*1126)	1150	23	42	56	51	74	85
Zeneca	700	62	71½	81	9½	25½	35½
(*744)	750	29½	42	54	26	51	61

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	37½	43½	45½	10½	14½	16
(*390)	390	19	26	33	25	29½	32½
Ladbroke	160	15½	18½	24	11½	17½	20½
(*161)	180	7½	11½	14½	24	31	33
Utd Bisc	330	25	27½	31½	14½	23½	27
(*332)	360	10½	13½	19	33½	44	46½

	Series	Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	900	45	66	80	17	30	42
(*927)	950	19	40	55	45	55	66
Thames W	500	41½	54	59	6	12	22½
(*524½)	550	12½	24½	31½	28½	33½	49

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	36	42½	47½	16	29½	34½
(*512½)	550	14	18½	25	46	59	65
BTR	330	30½	34	39	8	16	19
(*347)	360	14	18½	25	23	32½	34
Br Aero	390	39	49	61	24½	33½	41
(*402½)	420	24½	34½	46½	40	50	57½
Br Telcm	460	16	25	32	18½	22½	29½
(*461½)	500	4½	10½	16½	47½	48½	53
Cadbury	414	42½	45½	—	6	14	—
(*444½)	453	16½	22	—	21	32½	—
Guinness	420	44½	51	56	10½	17	22
(*449½)	460	19½	27½	34½	26½	37	42½
GEC	330	18½	25½	30	11½	15	21
(*337)	360	6	12	16	30½	33	38½
Hanson	280	11½	15½	18	12	16	19½
(*280)	300	4½	8	10½	26	28½	31½
LASMO	110	17	20½	23½	7	11	13½
(*117)	120	11½	15	19½	12	16½	19
Lucas	160	25	28	32	5	8½	11½
(*177½)	180	12	17	20	14	18	21½
P&O	140	23½	26½	29½	4	6	8½
(*159½)	160	11½	15	18½	12½	15	18
Prudential	330	31	34½	38	7	13	16
(*349½)	360	13½	17½	23	20	29	32
Redland	550	36½	46	53	20½	36	42
(*560½)	600	14½	24	31	49	67	72
Reval Ins	289	21	—	—	11½	—	—
(*294½)	317	8	—	—	29½	—	—
Tesco	180	24½	29	29	5	10½	12
(*195½)	200	10½	17	18½	13½	21	22
Vodafone	500	42	56	68	27	37	47
(*513½)	550	21	35	46	57	67	76
Williams	300	37½	41	44	5	10½	13
(*328)	330	17	22½	26½	15½	24	27

FT-SE INDEX (*3112)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Dec	146	103	66	39	20	10
Jan	170	132	100	73	52	36
Feb	190	153	122	93	71	51
Mar	203	167	136	106	83	62
Jun	235	—	170	—	120	—
Puts						
Dec	19	29	45	71	104	143
Jan	42	53	72	95	125	161
Feb	54	67	86	108	136	169
Mar	64	79	97	119	146	177
Jun	90	—	126	—	175	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	22½	32	36	4	14	18½
(*405½)	420	5½	15½	21	18½	30½	34½
Amstrad	45	3½	7	8½	3	5½	7
(*45½)	50	2	4½	6½	6	8½	10
Barclays	550	20½	36½	44	11	29½	34
(*556½)	600	3	15½	22½	44½	58	62½
Blue Circ	300	29	—	42½	4½	8½	16½
(*324)	330	8½	21½	26	15	22	31½
Br Gas	300	30	35	41½	2	5	9½
(*326)	330	6	17½	22½	9½	16	24
Dixons	240	24	31½	37½	3½	11	15
(*258½)	260	10½	20	26	11	20	24½
Forte	220	19½	28½	30½	3	9	14
(*235)	240	6	16½	20½	12	18½	24½
Hillsdwn	140	11½	18	21	3	7½	13
(*148)	160	2	8½	11	15	18½	25½
Lonrho	130	11½	17	20½	3½	9½	12
(*137)	140	5½	12	16	8	14½	17
Sears	110	9	13	14½	2	4½	6½
(*116)	120	3	7	9	6½	9	12
Thrn Emi	900	41½	58½	76	12	30	38½
(*922½)	950	11	33½	51	35	57½	65
Tomkins	220	12	18½	24	4	11	15½
(*227½)	240	3½	10½	14½	16	22½	25
TSB	200	13½	18½	22½	3½	9	12
(*209)	220	3	8½	12½	14	21	25½
Wellcome	600	48	71½	82½	9	27½	37½
(*632½)	650	19½	45	56½	33	57½	62½

	Series	Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	650	29½	58½	76½	19	49	59
(*656)	700	9½	36½	55½	52	78	88
HSBC	700	52½	75½	84½	6½	32½	41½
(*741)	750	19	47	58	25½	58	66½
Reuter	1600	65	117½	146½	24½	73	93
(*1634)	1650	36	90	120	48	97½	118

	Series	Calls Dec	Feb	May	Puts Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	156	17	22	—	2	6½	—
(*169)	176	4	10	—	11	16	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	130	13½	22	25	3	8	15
(*139½)	140	7	15	19½	7	13	20½

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	550	53	62	70	7½	13	22
(*593½)	600	20½	32	41	28½	34	45½

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	18½	30½	36½	5	13½	19
(*401)	420	4½	15½	21	22½	29	35½
Scot Pwr	390	23½	31	38	3½	12	15½
(*407)	420	5½	15	23	18	27½	31

November 26, 1993 Tot: 37703 Call: 17758 Put: 19945 FT-SE Call: 4714 Put: 9480

*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Rice futures surged in thin trading on a technical bounce. Contracts had previously surged to record highs on the prospect of increased demand from Japan. The Japanese crop was hurt by harsh weather and it is now anticipated that the country will import up to 1.8 million tonnes of rice. Meanwhile, thin trading in coffee led to most contracts ending slightly lower on the day.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	1004-1003	Mar	1027-1026
Mar	1054-1052	May	1030-1029
May	1054-1052	Jul	1035-1028
Jul	1051-1050	Sep	1038-1037
Sep	1049-1047		
Dec	1027-1026		Volume: 5082

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1251-1246	Jul	1204-1202
Jan	1266-1265	Sep	1202-1201
Mar	1237-1236	Nov	1204-1201
May	1208-1207		Volume: 1574

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.95-11.05
Spot: 263.4		Jan	unq
Mar	10.68-10.70	Mar	unq
May	10.97-10.98	May	unq
Jul	11.17-11.23		Volume: 10

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	274.8-74.3
Spot: 288.5		Dec	273.7-72.3
Mar	281.0-80.5	Mar	275.3-73.9
May	283.3-82.8	May	278.8-75.9
Aug	287.3-86.8		Volume: 125

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	74.21	91.31	120.65
(+/-)	+9.11	+3.81	+1.61
Eng/Wales	74.21	90.99	120.34
(+/-)	+9.11	+4.10	+1.26
(%)	-22.5	-4.9	-34.5
Scotland	n/a	93.12	124.09
(+/-)	n/a	+2.48	+5.42
(%)	n/a	-14.4	-42.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	100.35
Mar	101.65
May	103.50
Jun	104.45
Sep	91.00
	Volume: 114

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	103.95
Mar	105.75
May	107.40
Sep	93.00
Nov	95.00
	Volume: 19

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	101.0
Apr	90.0	88.0
May	unq	107.0
		Volume: 23

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jan 60.00-60.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels reflected another drop as Iraq accepted UN demands on weapon monitoring.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.20	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	14.45	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jan)	14.45	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	unq	...
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	unq	..

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	165 (+2)	167 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	164 (n/c)	165 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	167 (n/c)	169 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jan	163 (-3)	165 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	143 (n/c)	145 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Dec	162.75-63.00	Mar	153.00 SLR
Jan	158.25-58.50	Apr	151.00 BID
Feb	154.75-55.00	May	151.75-52.00
			Vol: 16832

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	14.45-14.46	Apr	15.15-15.20
Feb	14.75-14.76	May	15.32-15.45
Mar	14.95-14.98		Vol. 32091

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	149.50-51.50	Mar	n/a
Jan	155.00 SLR	Apr	159.50-68.00
Feb	n/a		Vol: 21

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	unq	...	1264
Dec 93	1258	1245	1258
Jan 94	1250	1250	1250
Apr 94	unq	...	1269

Vol: 10 lots. Open int'st: 2659 Index 1265 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1635.0-1636.0	1658.0-1659.0	1399050
Lead ($/tonne)	414.00-415.00	428.00-429.00	72850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	921.00-921.50	938.00-938.50	378775
Tin ($/tonne)	4609.0-4610.0	4655.0-4660.0	8910
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1034.0-1035.0	1054.5-1055.0	1221650
Nickel ($/tonne)	4671.0-4673.0	4725.0-4730.0	56904

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.2 (day's range 81.2-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8417-2.8579	2.8417-2.8452	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	53.59-53.98	53.59-53.70	10-15ds	25-32ds
Copenhagen	10.0300-10.0960	10.0300-10.0530	2½-3¼ds	6⅝-7¼ds
Dublin	1.0505-1.0540	1.0508-1.0531	10-13ds	23-28ds
Frankfurt	2.5321-2.5451	2.5325-2.5357	⅛-¼ds	½-¾ds
Lisbon	258.78-259.61	258.87-259.50	130-160ds	375-425ds
Madrid	206.67-207.49	206.71-206.93	65-82ds	191-218ds
Milan	2502.60-2527.70	2502.60-2506.60	7-9ds	22-25ds
Montreal	1.9650-1.9789	1.9651-1.9680	0.26-0.21pr	0.49-0.39pr
New York	1.4795-1.4870	1.4797-1.4807	0.27-0.26pr	0.70-0.67pr
Oslo	10.0430-11.0660	10.9940-11.0170	⅝-⅜apr	⅞-⅝apr
Paris	8.7460-8.8040	8.7460-8.7610	1⅛-1⅜ds	2¾-3⅛ds
Stockholm	12.4300-12.5010	12.4200-12.4590	1¾-3ds	½-2ds
Tokyo	160.78-161.60	160.78-161.05	½-⅜apr	1¼-1⅛apr
Vienna	17.81-17.91	17.81-17.85	½-1⅜ds	1¼-3¼ds
Zurich	2.2148-2.2341	2.2151-2.2181	¼pr-par	⅞-⅝apr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4760-1.4786
Australia dollar	2.2337-2.2370
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro *	339.15-340.58
Cyprus pound	0.7555-0.7715
Finland marka	8.602-8.718
Greece drachma	361.25-368.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.4330-11.4423
India rupee	46.19-47.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.7823-3.7865
Mexico peso	4.55-4.90
New Zealand dollar	2.7065-2.7134
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5145-5.6405
Singapore dollar	2.3688-2.3719
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4780-6.5564
S Africa rand (com)	4.9857-4.9913
U A E dirham	5.398-5.522

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5087-1.5098
Austria	12.04-12.05
Belgium (Com)	36.20-36.24
Canada	1.3279-1.3289
Denmark	6.7865-6.7965
France	5.9107-5.9157
Germany	1.7103-1.7113
Hong Kong	7.725-7.726
Ireland	1.4084-1.4104
Italy	1693.8-1695.3
Japan	108.6-108.7
Malaysia	2.5548-2.5558
Netherlands	1.9197-1.9207
Norway	7.4315-7.4415
Portugal	175.05-175.35
Singapore	1.600-1.601
Spain	139.54-139.59
Sweden	8.4007-8.4207
Switzerland	1.4965-1.4975

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 3½ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4¹⁵⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5⅟₁₆	5⅛-5⅟₁₆	5⅟₁₆-5	5⅟₁₆-5	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	5⅜-5⅛ / 5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛ / 5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛ / 5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛ / 5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛ / 5⅜-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅜, close 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅟₁₆-5⅛	5⅟₁₆-5⅛	5⅟₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5⅟₁₆	5⅛-5⅟₁₆
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05				
Building Society CDs	5⅟₁₆-5⅛	n/a / 5⅛-5⅟₁₆	3.36-3.33 / 5⅟₁₆-5⅛	3.40-3.37 / 5⅛-5⅛	3.68-3.65 / 5⅛-5⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £668m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.795% received: 90%; Last week: £98.755% received: 70%; Avge rate: £4.8127 % last wk £4.9636 %; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	6⅞-6⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc	6¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	7-6
Swiss Franc	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.40-377.90 Close: $376.75-377.25 High: $377.50-378.00 Low: $376.10-376.60 Krugerrand: $376.00-378.00 (£254.00-256.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $374.75 (£253.40) **Silver:** $4.67 (£3.155) **Palladium:** $125.50 (£84.85)

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BES deals are poised for last fling before deadline

Robert Miller reports on the key points investors should bear in mind before taking the plunge

If the Chancellor can be persuaded to forgo the £100 million the Treasury could collect if BES schemes are closed on Budget day next Tuesday, investors can expect to be deluged with even more offers before the schemes are withdrawn on December 31.

There are currently some 70 Business Expansion Schemes on the market, collectively seeking £300 million. This is on top of the £700 million already raised this year.

Some 30 schemes have so-called "arranged" or "contracted" exits, which aim after five years to pay back investors anywhere between 117p and 130p for every 100p invested. These are all invested in companies letting properties on assured tenancies.

Nick Percival, director of BESt Investment, which monitors and risk-grades many schemes, strongly urges potential investors "not to be stampeded" and to seek independent advice.

Investors must consider their tax position: factors such as whether they are in the 25 per cent or 40 per cent band, or if they are a PAYE employee or self-employed under Schedule D, will influence which scheme is most suitable. Equally important in the contracted exit schemes are the standing and reputation of the bank or financial institution underwriting the exit prices, which are not guarantees. On its current recommendation sheet (free on 071-936 2037), BESt has separated the schemes into three categories: Arranged Exit, schemes linked to returns from the FT-SE 100 index, and straightforward assured tenancy schemes without arranged exits. In the first band, recommendations include Bessa Springboard, the only BES linked to interest rates, and Tweed and Ridings III, both underwritten by the Bank of Scotland. Of the FT-SE linked schemes, Mr Percival opts for Queens College II, and of the assured tenancies, Cavendish Geared II.



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But Stephen Paramor, managing director of British Taxpayer, a firm of advisers, sounds a warning note to investors in university accommodation schemes. He says: "Some of these schemes are marketing themselves to past students. If, in the future, a close family member were to benefit from the rented accommodation, the Inland Revenue would consider that to be a breach of the investor's BES tax-exempt status."

Finally, there are the straightforward entrepreneurial or trading BES schemes, such as Johnson Fry's Criterion, raising money for the theatre, or, Hop Back Brewery, seeking funds to expand an existing business.

Of the trading schemes, which do not offer any contracted or arranged exits, Mr Paramor says: "Look at the fundamentals of the company as if you were investing in ordinary shares."

Investors are urged 'not to be stampeded' and to seek advice

Whatever form the Chancellor chooses for the next generation of BES schemes, he will have to keep it simple — and accept that if private investors are to be tempted in meaningful numbers there must, at the very least, be a limit to the amount of money they could lose.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	Compounded at tax rates 40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.28	3.28	2.63	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.22	3.23	2.59	5,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.76	2.76	2.21	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.00	3.00	2.40	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.33	3.33	2.66	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528555
"	3.42	3.42	2.74	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528555
NatWest	3.00	3.00	2.40	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
"	3.00	3.00	2.40	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.88	2.93	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 77 7
Barclays Prime a/c	1.69	1.69	1.35	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.19	0.19	0.15	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528555
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Cheque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Bristol & West	5.35	5.33	4.26	50,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	5.36	5.36	4.26	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
The Leeds	5.36	5.36	4.29	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
North of England	5.25	5.25	4.20	25,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
Woolwich	6.00	6.00	4.80	100,000 min	90 day	——
Newcastle	5.44	5.44	4.35	5,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-24,999	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 796151
6th Index Linkd†‡	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	6 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Consolidated LI	4.30	4.30	3.66	2,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Consolidated LI	4.75	4.75	4.04	2,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity Life	5.23	5.23	4.45	25,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	5.65	5.65	4.80	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Liberty Life	6.40	6.40	5.44	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Oct 92-93)	+1.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	200.00
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Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	354.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2470.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
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Dunfermline	7.90	£3,237.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
Dudley	7.87	£3,236.10	Reverts share A/C	£10	0384 231414
Shepshed	7.80	£3,234.00	£25	£1	0509 503302

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LETTERS

Life in a very gilded cage

From M. James

Sir, If the intention of the article "My home is my prison" (October 30) was to elicit sympathy for Messrs Fitzgerald, Green et al, then I think it should be counterbalanced by "My home is my goose that lays golden eggs".

Even apart from the obvious immediate gain these people had hoped to make, why should Westminster ratepayers come to their "rescue" if they feel the gain is not as much as they hoped?

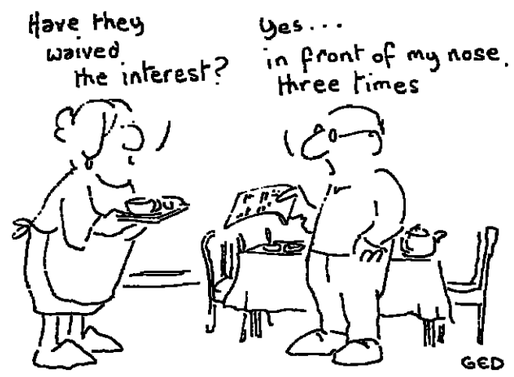
If the Westminster top figure of £15,000 is added to Fitzgerald's purchase price of £24,000, he has still paid only £39,000 for a two-bedroom flat in Westminster. What is his problem?

Far more outrageous though — and not touched upon in your article — is the fact that these flats can often fetch extremely high rentals.

We had occasion to need to rent a flat in a hurry earlier this year, and, not knowing the area, agreed to £250-a-week for a small, three-bedroom flat in a pleasant part of Westminster. We soon realised it and many of its neighbours being rented out for similar sums were the subjects of Westminster Council's right to buy scheme — sold at between £20,000 & £40,000.

What other investment gives such a return? If it is a prison — it is a very gilded cage.

Yours faithfully,
M. JAMES,
27 Abingdon Court,
Abingdon Villas, W8.



A taxing matter of interest charged

From S. Sherwood

Sir, Re: Revenue charges interest on its own late bills (Weekend Money Letters, November 13). I have had several clashes with the Revenue on this subject which David Edwards writes to you about.

Either the Revenue have taken a long time to answer my correspondence, or I have received no answer at all, or the Valuation Department has been very dilatory. The stock reply to my refusal to pay interest is that I have earned interest on the unpaid tax.

My answer has been that the interest I earn has averaged 6 per cent less 40 per cent tax = 3.6 per cent net, whereas the Revenue charges 6.25 per cent not deductible for tax. The difference is therefore a penalty for which I have committed no offence. On one occasion the interest was waived, on another my offer to repay the interest earned after tax was accepted, and I am still arguing about the third. A concession states that if the delay is due to the Revenue, the interest can be waived.

Yours faithfully,
S. SHERWOOD,
33 Gwendolen Avenue,
Putney, SW15.

Cracking the Mailsort double code

From Mr George T. Robinson

Sir, The reason your reader (Weekend Money Letters, November 6) has found two different codes for his address is that a complete revision of the Mailsort system took place during October this year, and both numbers are acceptable for the next few months.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE T. ROBINSON,
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Peps only work on higher rate tax

From A. A. Sorrell

Sir, From Mr Arguile's letter (November 6) it seems that the great Peps con trick continues. On December 19 last year you published a letter from me explaining that through a reduction in dividend due to poor performance, but an increase in the share price due to a takeover bid I paid fees of £70 on my Midland Bank Pep but saved £7 in income tax.

This may have been an extreme case due to particular circumstances but I have since had to liquidate my Peps in Hanson and Abbey National because they were no longer viable. In both cases the Peps were promoted by the companies themselves at competative charges as a service to existing shareholders, and in both cases the increased fees charged by newly-appointed managers exceeded the tax reclaimed.

From the fees that I see advertised it seems that it is impossible to make a Pep pay unless you are a higher-rate taxpayer — particularly so now that the effective tax rate on dividends since the last Budget is 20 per cent. The effects on Peps must substantially be to divert tens of millions of tax from the Exchequer to financial institutions.

Yours faithfully,
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Income 65.96 70.77 -0.31 5.00
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Commodity 322.30 340.80 -2.40 0.57
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Pension Ex 901.30 923.90† ... 4.04
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UK Equity Growth 123.45 131.33 -0.28 2.31
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UK Intl 25 74.69 79.45 -0.78 1.74
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Special Sits 183.60 195.30 -2.60 1.37
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International Inc 304.60 322.30 -3.60 0.08
Nth Am & Intl Inc 312.10 330.30 -3.20 0.47
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European Gwth 173.00 184.00† -3.80 0.72
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Japan Growth 147.90 157.30 -12.30 ...
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Seoul 52.52 55.99 -1.66 ...
Smaller Cos 201.41 214.83 -3.24 0.62
Tokyo 105.70 112.74 -8.37 ...
UK Enterprise 227.92 243.11 -1.85 2.21
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Europe Inc 305.90 326.20 -9.80 1.03
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Global Inc 195.50 208.50 -5.80 1.21
UK Spec Sits Inc 99.57 106.20 -1.40 3.18
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Nth American 104.00 109.50 -1.00 0.96
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Smaller Cos 65.13 68.56† -0.89 2.19
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Capital 127.90 137.20 -2.60 1.34
Cash 100.81 100.81 +0.08 5.21
European 122.80 129.90 -3.90 0.65
Far Eastern 164.30 173.70 -8.90 ...
Growth 138.30 146.30 -2.40 1.42
Income 128.40 135.80 -0.70 4.42
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Income 56.14 59.87† -0.07 5.30
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-do- High Inc Acc 45.34 48.18 -0.68 3.38
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Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 33.36 35.28† -0.05 5.60
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European 99.60 105.96 -2.72 0.31
Extra Income 198.12 210.76 -1.07 3.97
Smaller Cos 67.79 72.12 -0.39 1.22
General 284.75 302.92 -0.12 2.27
Premier Income 54.78 57.06† -0.09 5.59
Income 342.60 364.47† -7.97 3.56
Pacific 390.14 415.04 -14.79 ...
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Nat Resources 152.22 161.93† -4.74 ...
Skctd Opps 103.14 109.73 -1.02 1.39
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High Income 68.41 72.76 -0.06 4.28

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Little Dragons 104.42 111.38 -2.63 0.42
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UK Smllr Cos 90.64 96.94 -1.05 2.08
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
749	345	Abbey Nat	698		11.8	3.6	15.7
1249	579	Allied Irish	970	+12		3.9	13.8
1216	530	Anz Bnk 2	568	+2		4.2	∞
1699	1212½	Bankamerica	1485	+8			
795	577	Bk of Ireland	693	+2		4.9	20.1
1201	728	Bk Leumi Uk	1150		17.0	6.1	9.7
1598	1156	Bank Scotland	1461	+1	4.6	3.1	25.9
568	362	Barclays	548	+3		5.8	
	2	Brit-Arab Bnk	4½				
1511	11	Cariplo	14				
1195	395	Close Alliance	1150		24.0	6.4	
1152	65	Cortes	1150			40	14.5
2465	1717	Close Match	2216½				
2970	1475	Close Bros	2390				
1215	950	Close Bros	965			7.1	16.2
1346½	655½	Commercial	1146½	-19½		2.8	
1346½	1260	Deutsche Bk	1270½	-15½		7.9	
65	45	First Nat Fin	60			7.9	
1051	826	First Bank 1	1001			9.0	
1291	941	Gerrard Nat	1050		21.5	6.5	12.6
1240	980	HSBC	1191	-1	29.0	3.4	15.7
1240	1000	HSBC HK	1200		29.0	3.3	18.0
1265	1165	Hamilton	1245	-5	14.3	2.3	16.1
1429	913	Joseph (L)	970		14.0	2.9	
1350	946	King Shaxson	1150		24.0	4.2	
1350	712	Kleinwort Ben	1000		16.7	4.2	17.3
1350	963	Lloyds	1278	+4	19.7	4.1	16.5
1110	65	Lon Scot Bk	65		2.9	3.8	18.9
1350	1000	Mk Asst Bk	1250			4.0	
1350	1000	Nat West	1300	+2	27.4	4.1	15.7
1350	730	Providentt	950		12.4	3.4	17.6
1350	730	Rea Bros	1000	+6	17.4	3.4	9.1
1350	1150	Rl Bk Scot	1284	+6	40	2.7	∞
1350	1000	Schroders	1164			2.9	23.3
1095	575	Stand Chart	1043	+26	30.5	2.5	
1350	1000	TSB	1200	-4	6.4	3.8	
1350	750	Union Disc	1150				
1350	1250	Warburg SG	1344†	-1		3.0	12.2
8600	4845	Wells Fargo	7950§			2.6	
1350	1125	Westpac	1185			3.6	∞
1350	1150	Wimrust	1300		9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1040	517	Allied-Lyons	849	+13		4.5	10.3
947	441	Bass	929	+2	29.1	5.0	10.4
1199	799	Boddington	1127	+1	7.5	3.0	14.7
498	362	Bulmer JHP	434			3.0	18.5
1364	1280	Burtonwd Brs	1313†	-2	4.7	3.5	14.5
1180	55	Eldridge P Ale	120			3.4	32.5
1170	950	Greene King	1150	-3		3.4	
435	176	Fuller Sm 'A'	406			2.3	17.5
488	375	Grand Met	480	+3	12.5	4.8	12.0
1277	847	Greenalls Grp	1272	+1	12.0	4.1	12.3
1258	925	Greene King	1225			4.1	14.4
1013	349	Guinness	451	+10		3.4	16.5
1241	950	Hanc Hanson	1140	+1		3.4	28.6
1134	905	Hexagreave	1115		3.0	3.3	27.4
1353	992	Mcdonald D.et	1250	+2		2.0	19.2
3136	2538	Mot P	3150		43.0	1.7	20.1
980	71	Newcastle Brew	79	+1		5.0	47.1
1133	260	Invergordon Dist	305			1.6	14.2
1190	1110	Mason-Lan-Gen	1240	+5	4.3	4.5	27.6
1350	1175	Matrh Martin's N	1300			4.6	16.3
1342	1045	Morrison Const	1045			3.7	13.5
1350	1000	Morland	1225			4.9	21.4
1350	1000	Paramount	1225			4.9	21.4
12	6½	Paramount	8				
1994	1450	Pepper Inv	1625	+2		2.9	19.5
1350	1150	S.A. Breweries	1270			2.5	18.1
1484	1013	Scot & Nwc	1425	+10		4.4	15.0
1258	1175	Taunton Cider	1175		8.0	4.1	14.3
1350	1000	Vaux Group	1260		9.3	4.5	17.9
1357	1258	Wetherspoon JD	1325	-1		2.0	25.6
1374	435	Whitbread 'A'	1343	+15		4.3	12.1
1825	1270	do 'B'	1760	+25		1.9	27.9
813	463	Wolverhmptn D	468	+5	11.8	3.0	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	482		14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135			1.7	22.2
259½	124	Aibrighton A	10				
148	97	Alfeta	145	+4		4.4	33.5
120	65	Amec	109	+1	3.0	3.4	20.2
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½				
150	150	Ashtead	305			1.9	32.3
143	101	Atwoods	139			3.6	
391½	184	BPB Ind	379	+1		3.4	47.5
41	37	Baggeridge Brk	41		3.1	4.3	30.6
21	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	20		0.6	2.9	
108	74	Barcom	108		1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	32½	Bardon	41		2.0	6.1	20.2
195	94	Barratt Dev	182	+2	4.0	2.7	∞
460	305	Bellway	449		12.0	3.4	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	38				
449	349½	Berkeley Gp	431	+1		1.7	27.0
116	45	Bett Bros	101		2.0	2.5	∞
63	36	Blackleys	49½	-1½	1.0	2.5	54.7
325	189	Blue Circle	324	+2		4.3	
265	230	Boot (Henry)	273		6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	87		4.8	6.0	21.4
128	82	Br Dredging	128		5.2	5.1	28.4
98	45	Brit Fittings	81		1.7	2.7	
151	99	Bryant	145	-1		4.1	29.3
121	53	CALA	116			2.5	∞
328	300	CRH	322			2.7	17.7
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30				
41½	21	Costain	27½				
150	89½	Countryside	142	-1		3.6	37.5
98½	82	Crest Nicholson	94		0.0		
112	27	Cussins	98	+5		1.3	
7½	1½	Dantone	5				
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	18½		0.3	2.0	
298	178	Epwin	284		7.0	3.1	24.0
50	32	Erith	34		0.3	0.8	
305	252	Eve Group A	303			2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explosive	3½				
140	97	Freeman Gps	131			4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38		1.0	3.3	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80			4.0	
923	695	Gleeson (M.J)	923		12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	155			2.6	27.6
51	28	Heweston	46			3.4	33.6
358	186	Heywd Wms	337		12.5	4.6	
119	37	Higgs & Hill	108		2.5	2.9	
38	26	How Gp	27			5.2	
21	15	Howard Hdgs	21		0.5	3.0	
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66		1.0	1.9	
19½	12½	Jarvis	13				
316	196	Laing (J)	295	+6	9.0	3.8	11.8
127½	103	do 6.4% Cv Pf	118½	+1		6.8	
110	55	Ln Clydesdale A	110	+4	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (Y)	15½				7.0
350	240	Manders	307		9.3	3.8	18.8
182	90	Marley	180		4.2	2.9	52.8
125	61	Marshalls	122			4.1	
140	122	Maunders (J)	140		5.1	3.6	∞
217	96	McAlpine (A)	204	+1	8.5	4.0	35.3
47	23	McCarthy & S	40	+1	0.5	1.6	
458	272	Meyer Int	456			2.8	45.2
129	65	Mowlem (J)	120		4.0	4.2	
165	51	NSM	148	-2			
53	48	Needler	48			4.2	
171	106	Newman Tnks	153	+3		5.5	20.4
300	197	Persimmon	277	+1	8.6	3.9	28.3
2½	10	Phoenix Timber	10				
1725	1237½	Pochins	1350		29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowtlog	147†	-1	3.4	2.9	
9½	1½	Quilligotti A	1½				
888	555	RMC Gp	888	+10		2.8	33.3
117	75½	Ralme Ind	77			4.9	18.2
36	18	Ramsay	23	-3			
575	402	Redland	561	-2	25.0	5.6	32.6
86	64	Roskel	80		4.3	6.7	11.8
298	237	Rugby Group	294	+1	6.4	2.2	22.5
68	23	Swtld-Aves	65			0.5	
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162			3.1	28.2
241	86½	Sheffield Ind	231	+1		2.6	56.7
175	82	Sheriff Hdgs	173			1.6	25.8
95	66	Shorcon	93			7.0	21.1
240	190	Smart (J)	222†		8.5	4.0	∞
6½	2½	Stanmia	2½				
156	100	Tarmac	145½	+3½	5.5	4.7	
194	137	Tay Homes	170			4.5	20.2
130	63	Taylor Woodrw	119	+1		1.1	
633	433	Tilbury Douglas	588		33.0	7.0	19.1
30	19	Toret Hires	35			1.4	
288	168	Travis Perkins	264		8.0	3.5	30.0
40	28	Tre Group	36		1.0	4.8	7.4
28	21	Tudor	21			1.5	
60	41	Vibroplant	56		2.5	3.7	30.5
65	20	Ward Hdgs	33				
36	25	Waterhouse	35				
475	360	Wates Blake	427			3.5	18.4
21½	6½	Wescole	20	+1			
174	90	Westbury	166†		5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Scaffold'n	7½				
4½	3	Wiggins	3½				
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	418	+2		2.9	29.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	161		3.9	2.7	31.4
194	104	Wimpey G	177			3.7	
47	25	YRM	31		0.5	2.0	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
875	663	ADT	580				
246	198	Adam & Harvey	243†		13.0	6.7	6.5
92	56	Air London	61			7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44		2.0	5.7	
178	93	Astc Sec	130	+3		3.7	23.8
84	64	BET Ord	128½	+1		4.2	5.2
113	41	BNB Res	112	-1	4.0	3.5	
318	183	BPP	233		8.3	4.5	12.9
285	195	Barbour Index	240	-5	8.0	4.2	16.4
28	15	Bousssard	24		0.7	3.7	
284	184	Brit Data Mgt	230		4.7	2.6	16.8
26	11	Broadcastdata	22	-2		1.4	17.5
73	54	Brooks Service	59			1.1	
109	86	CRT Gp	87			4.0	15.4
193	139½	Capita Group	186			1.5	29.0
45½	31	Casket Plc	39½	+½		2.6	15.0
25	18½	Chiltern Capital	20				
510	228	Chubb Sec	347	-3		1.7	21.0
104	90	Comacc	104	+6		1.8	27.2
37	6½	Corp Services	36				
91	20	Courts Consig	84	+2			
175	50	Dan	137	-1		3.3	30.1
256	148	Davis Service	213	+1		4.7	16.0
104	85	EW Facs	104†			4.4	5.5
32	11	Gardiner	27½			5.3	2.6
277	215	Hays	257				17.7
248	174	Hogg Robinson	232	+3		3.7	16.7
70	34	Holmes Protecm	39				2.4
384	137	Hunch Whamp	281	+1		1.7	23.5
3175	975	ISS B Dkr	2050	-125		1.0	14.1
692	675	Inchcape	517	+9		3.4	10.9
875	669	Johnson Clean	863		25.7	3.7	18.8
13	2½	Lep	8				
288	173	Mitie Gp	275		3.5	1.2	21.4
1187	993	Manpower	1084	+6			
62	40½	Michael Page	59½		1.8	3.0	25.3
279	120	Perusa	120			6.4	4.5
4½	2	Prime People	3½				
484	341	Scot & Nwc	425	+10		4.4	15.0
225	173	Taunton Cidrr	175		8.0	4.1	14.3
298	215	Vaux Group	260		9.3	4.5	17.9
357	258	Wetherspoon JD	325	-1		2.0	25.6
1374	435	Whitbread 'A'	343	+15		4.3	12.1
1825	1270	do 'B'	1760	+25		1.9	27.9
813	463	Wolverhmptn D	468	+5	11.8	3.0	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	482		14.7	3.9	19.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
348	210	Allied Colloids	324			2.4	19.7
957	613	Amersham	940†	+1		1.8	32.5
7	1½	Anglo Ord	2				
1112	825	BASF DM	£1067	+7½			
300	181	BTR	242			2.3	18.6
£1305	£1015	Bayer DM50	£1259	+15½		4.2	
178	118	Blagden	128	-h	6.5	6.3	13.8
166	93	Brent Chems	114			8.1	10.4
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	372	-5			
29	6½	Caird Gp	9½			22.2	18.1
260	126	Canning (W)	146		7.2	6.2	16.7
608	421	Courtaulds	438	-1		4.2	10.6
142	228	Croda	242	+1		2.9	19.6
149	121	Doodles	122		4.0	4.7	9.4
228	175	Ellis & Everard	206	-1		4.3	19.7
42½	15½	Euro Colour	36†	-½	0.8	3.1	17.2
344	254	Halstead (J)	344	+1		2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	195			6.5	14.4
£118	£650	Hoechst	£1095	-75		3.3	
259	173	Holliday Chem	174			2.7	16.0
740½	608	ICI	722	+3		4.8	
693	576	Laporte	656	+7	19.0	3.8	18.1
230	181	Leigh	192	-1		5.1	18.5
49½	35	MTM	48½				

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	51	Alexon	98	-½		5.5	
82	62	Arnner Jny	65†		1.3	3.1	∞
358	257	Argos Plc	346	+2		3.0	28.8
25	9½	Ashley Group	10			2.3	
118	99	Ashley (Laura)	99	+1	0.1	0.1	
330	278	Asprey	308	-2	9.1	2.1	21.4
154	94	Austin Reed	147			2.1	
155	125	Bcame ID 'A'	148			4.2	14.9
154	94	Bennalls	150		1.9	2.0	
155	142½	Brewware	154†	-1		3.2	18.9
52	29	Blacks Lei	42		2.2	6.8	
217	133	Body Shop	205	+1		1.1	56.4
29	17	Bntland Tst	19½	-½		0.9	5.8
438	318	Brown (N)	418		10.2	4.2	11.3
89½	61	Burton	81½	-2	2.0	4.1	∞
180	98	Camors	170		4.8	2.9	∞
365	247	Chunnis	338		12.5	4.7	29.7
180	97	Clinton Cards	151		4.3	3.6	19.5
212	212	Coats Viyella	250			3.0	35.8
112	78	Colours-Inon-a	88		5.6	8.0	15.8
181	154	Cty Casuals	158			3.3	14.7
830	574	Courts Furnish	826	+1	5.5	0.8	10.3
155	118	Crown Eyes	135			6.5	9.2
136	99	Dairy Farm Ind	116	-1		3.1	17.0
71	51½	Dewhurst (J)	69			2.4	
365	189	Dixons Grp	256	-4		3.0	
160	48	EBA Gp	60				
530	420	Elys (Wimbldn)	530		10.0	2.8	18.2
156	71	Evers Fum	148			2.9	14.7
253	203	Etam	224		7.0	3.9	20.4
698	496	Fine Art Dev	543	+4	12.7	2.0	17.7
70	39	Fired Earth Tiles	67				
677	499	Formtnster	617	-32	14.0	2.8	11.2
180	28	French Conne	128				
74	43	Gent SB	71		2.1	3.7	∞
28	23	Goldsmiths Gp	23		0.3	0.5	
334	238	Gus	330			2.4	18.6
77½	40	Hampden Grps	53	+15		5.4	11.4
230	170	Harrisons	44	-1		7.3	
267½	20	Helene Pic	36		2.0	9.7	12.3
85	72	Hemtage	72				
78	58	Hemyscale	72	-1		3.9	∞
83	63	Jacques Vert	156			3.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	667	+10		2.6	23.0
19	8	Kenbrey	12½	½	0.1	1.6	12.8
549	260	Kenwood App	320		3.1	1.0	17.8
266	47	Kewill Sys	252				
209	100	Kode	165		6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser Scan	25				
365	122	LBMS	163	-60		0.6	23.0
300	205	Lec Refrig	265		9.0	4.2	
179	129	Life Sciences	136	+1	3.7	3.4	14.7
285	164	Logica	260	+1		1.9	30.0
58	44	LPA Ind A	52			1.5	14.2
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	207			3.1	19.4
718	523	Macro 4	673			3.3	20.5
343	175½	Mercker-Sva	215			2.1	19.0
1098	1258	Micro Focus	1302	+8			12.2
167	142	Microgen	153		7.2	5.9	10.4
35½	23½	Microvitec A	30				
529	357	Misys	520			1.7	19.0
594	98	Mitel	369				
153	108	NMT Compa	151	-2		3.4	20.2
50½	29	Norcros	47	-1		1.9	18.8
272	202	NTL Inst	269	-1		1.9	18.8
165	103	Nmstone Elec	140		3.5	3.2	25.1
240	116	Murray Enter	233			2.1	
3200½	2612½	NYNEX	2837½				
188	128	Neoronics	150		2.6	2.5	16.8
65	42	Newmark (L)	56				
277	58	Norbain	269			0.7	20.7
75	30	Northamber	64½		0.6	1.2	
20	7½	Oceanic	15½				
395	195	Oxford Inst	281	+3	4.6	2.1	14.2
83	48	P-E Interntl	73				
81½	39	P & P	62		1.5	3.0	32.9
80	55	Peek	76		3.4	5.6	18.8
227	115	Pegasus	214			0.5	34.9
9500	9000	Philips Fn 6%	9500			6.1	
1437½	725	do Lmp rv	1337½	+25			
313	211	Phoenelite	278				
290	171½	Pilco	240			1.9	22.9
478½	376	RT	461½	+2		4.4	17.6
229½	150	RT P/P	210½	+2		4.3	21.9
18½	9½	Relgin (AF) 'A'	15½	-½	0.1	0.8	
168	48	Rumbfield	57	-26	5.7	12.6	9.0
509	334½	Cable Wireless	470			3.0	24.4
27½	11½	Chloride	23	-1			9.2
273	229	CML Micro	270			2.2	19.6
115	74	Compr People	108	-2			
164	108½	Cray Elect	147			1.3	15.1
433	243	Critchley	414			1.5	23.6
554	414	Delta	504	+20		3.5	21.1
423	205	Dennaus Elec	420			1.8	17.9
620	395	Domino	429		7.4	2.2	14.7
65	48	Downing Mills	62			5.0	26.6
1205	865	Druck	1203		10.0	1.0	25.7
469	358	Electrocomponen	455			2.3	18.5
710	470	El Data Prc	683			5.1	0.9
146	43	Electron House	131			2.6	2.5
30½	10½	Emess	21			0.1	0.6
632	442	Eurotherm	629			8.5	1.7
187½	108	FKI	182				2.3
509	340	Farnell Elec	507	-1		1.6	26.8
91	33	Feedback	77			2.4	10.0
18	1	Ferranti	1				
280	101	Flex Tech	258			0.5	21.5
270	81	Forward Gps	248			2.0	22.2
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267½	264	GEC	337	-½	10.3	3.8	16.9
199	132	Gnasby	155	+2		8.8	32.6
11½	7½	Graystone	10†	-½			
38	18	Hildenne	43			1.5	
183	83	INSTEM	135			2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150		4.4	3.7	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	388			2.8	15.6
98	26	Kalamazoo	88	+1	2.1	3.0	20.4
19	8	Kembrey	12½	½	0.1	1.6	
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Crawley follows parallel path on Zimbabwe tour

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THIS time four years ago, a Lancashire batsman with England ambitions, just down from Cambridge University, was bitterly disappointed to be selected for the A team tour of Zimbabwe instead of for the West Indies trip with the seniors.

At the time, Michael Atherton regarded it as demotion, for he had played twice against Australia earlier that summer, but, as he prepares for the forthcoming trip to the Caribbean as the captain of England, he may reflect less irascibly on his non-selection. Despite the occasional detour, he has got where he always wanted to be.

This weekend a parallel presents itself. Had John Crawley turned his useful scores into commanding ones at the end of last season, he would already be a Test cricketer and probably bound for West Indies. Instead, he travels with an encouragingly youthful A team led by Hugh Morris, the Glamorgan captain, to South Africa.

At 22, Crawley is not the baby of the party. Another promising batsman, Malachy Loye, of Northamptonshire, is a year younger and Mark Lathwell, who played two Tests last summer before returning to Somerset chastened if wiser, is not 22 until Boxing Day. Only Lathwell and Dominic Cork, of Derbyshire, also 22, stand to benefit from this tour as much as Crawley.

Similarities with Atherton do not end with Lancashire. Like Atherton, Crawley was educated at Manchester Grammar School, took a 2:1 in history at Cambridge and captained Young England. Both men have interests beyond the boundary, rounded personalities and dissect their own performances in a brisk manner.

Furthermore, they share the burden that comes with expectation. Before he had even got to Cambridge, Atherton was being written up as "Test captain material". Crawley has also been associated with swift promotion. Majid Khan, no less, urged England to look at him when he was here three years ago leading a Pakistan Under-19 tour. Bobby Simpson, the Australian manager, said as much at the end of the recent Ashes series.

With a confidence that falls short of personal arrogance, Crawley does not bother to hide his intentions. Refer to Atherton's progression from sophomore to captain inside four years and remark, jokingly, that he has some distance to cover, and he replies: "That's the idea."

If one applies to cricketers the Rees-Mogg test — outlined in this paper last week — Crawley emerges as a "Hong Kong" man in a game dominated by the "Harrogate" tendency. He is not necessarily a young man in a hurry, but he is aware of his talent and keen to exercise it. South Africa will not provide Test cricket, but it should give him the opportunity to put down a marker for next summer.

Six members of the 14-man party, managed by Bob Bennett and Phil Neale, have played Test cricket. For Bennett, the Lancashire chairman who has led the last two England senior tours, it is a reversion to his previous job. Neale, the former Worcestershire captain, has earned recognition after a year as Northamptonshire's cricket director.



Crawley: rounded

DETAILS

SQUAD: H Morris (Glamorgan, captain), A Wells (Sussex, vice-captain), M Lathwell (Somerset), J Crawley (Lancashire), M Loye (Northamptonshire), A Dale (Glamorgan), D Cork (Derbyshire), S Rhodes (Worcestershire), M McCague (Kent), M Bicknell (Surrey), M Ilott (Essex), R Croft (Glamorgan), P Such (Essex) D Gough (Yorkshire).

ITINERARY: December: 4: v Transvaal Invitation XI; 6: v Western Transvaal; 8: v Eastern Transvaal; 10-13: v Transvaal; 15: v Eastern Province Invitation XI; 17-20: v Eastern Province; 23: v Western Province Invitation XI; 28-29: v Western Province January: 1-4: v Natal; 7-10: v Northern Transvaal; 12: v Griqualand West; 14-17: v Orange Free State; 21-24: v Border; 27-31: v South Africa A.

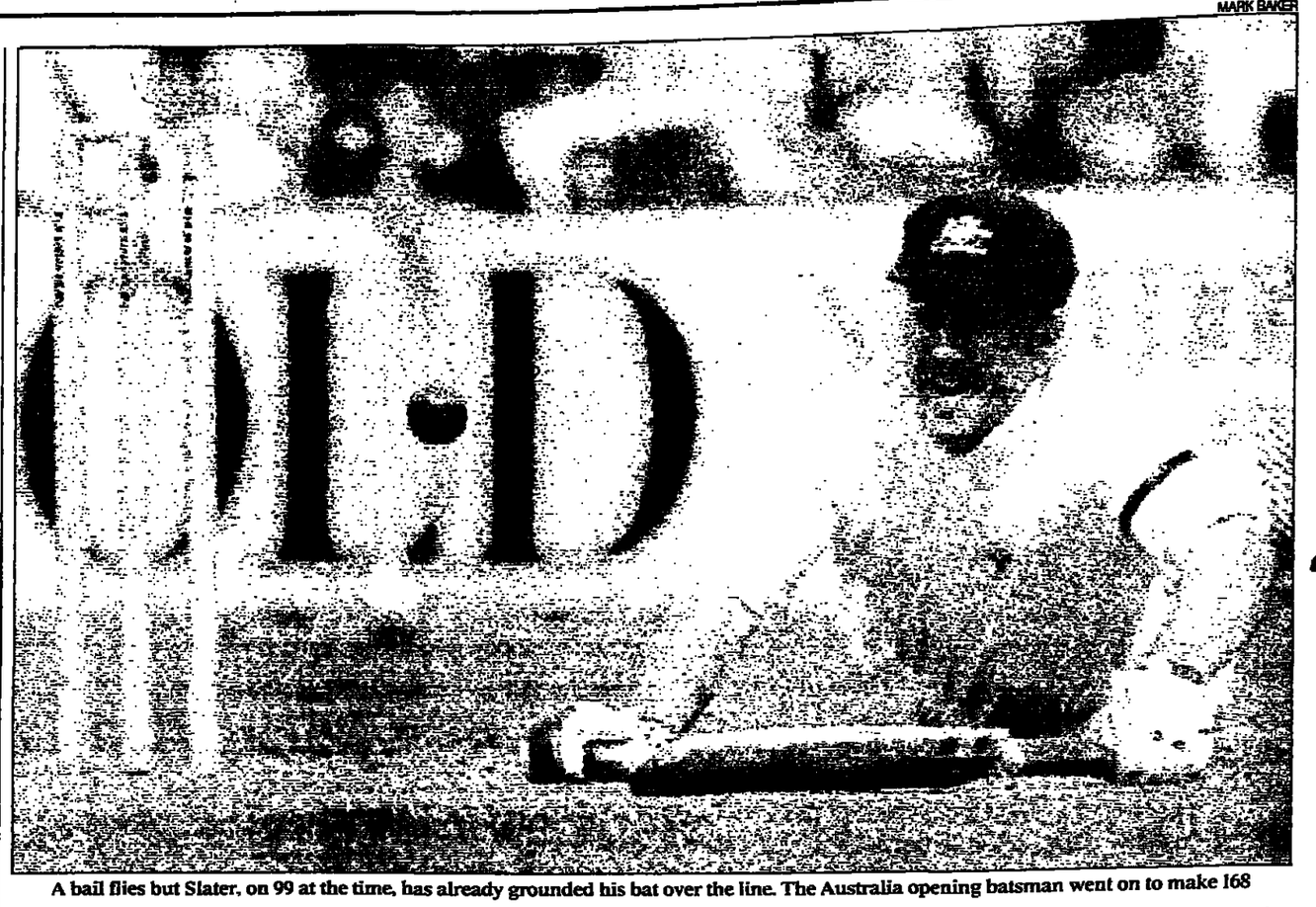
Whatever the selection, this was always going to be an important tour. It is 29 years since MCC (as England were then known overseas) sent a side to South Africa. This winter's cricket is a prelude to the resumption of a proper Test relationship between the countries, in England next summer.

The selection of only six batsmen suggests that Cork's claims to all-rounder status, as yet largely unproven, will be thoroughly tested. With him at No 6 and Steven Rhodes, the wicketkeeper, batting one place further down, the tour team will be able to accommodate four of the six specialist bowlers.

Four of them were involved in the summer series against Australia and at least two, Peter Such and Martin Bicknell, may feel slighted that they were not retained. Martin McCague, who bowled with considerable pace on his debut at Trent Bridge, lost his opportunity when Devon Malcolm was recalled at the Oval.

For Alan Wells, the vice-captain, it is a return to the land he visited four years ago on the ill-starred unofficial tour, which had to be abandoned. At the time, Wells despaired of being recognised by England and once more he can be thought a shade unlucky not to earn a place on the senior tour.

Morris, one of the game's most popular characters, may also be considered an unlucky cricketer in view of his performances over the past five seasons. He leads a tour which, after three preliminary one-day games in the townships, takes in seven four-day matches and concludes with a five-day "Test" match against South Africa A in Port Elizabeth.



MARK BAKER

A bail flies but Slater, on 99 at the time, has already grounded his bat over the line. The Australia opening batsman went on to make 168

Slater runs New Zealand into the ground

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN HOBART

BATTING in Test cricket can seldom have been as straightforward as it was on a first day in Hobart played under sweltering skies, on a docile pitch that may turn later and against an attack that had lost most of its venom, and perhaps its will, before play had begun.

Already denied the services of Crowe and Watson, New Zealand lost Cairns before breakfast and Patel before stumps and it was against a modest attack with much to be modest about that Australia rushed to 329 for two in 90 overs, Slater reaching his first Test hundred on home soil and recording the highest score of his first-class career and Boon, never straying too far as he moved towards another century.

Cairns's withdrawal was a grievous blow to his team and Geoff Howarth made no effort to hide his disappointment. For two days, Cairns had bowled without apparent discomfort and he had been picked to play. At 8.15am he rang the physiotherapist to say his heel was sore and he could not do justice to himself or his team. Howarth and Rutherford promised to nurse him, then asked him to play as a batsman but Cairns could not be shifted.

Howarth pronounced himself "bemused and a little shocked" by Cairns's conduct. Perhaps the blustery all-rounder is not ready yet to carry the burden of being an oustanding cricketer in a small country.

Without Cairns, New Zealand had the mien of a beaten team, especially in a first hour during which they bowled erratically, fielded poorly and dropped two catches, Pocock culpably missing Taylor when he was on ten as he flirted with a short one and Slater being missed by Greatbatch at first slip as he tried to late cut.

In both cases, Morrison was the unfortunate bowler and he alone gave menace to the bowling. Otherwise, New Zealand were fielding a bowling team that a struggling county side might have been embarrassed to put out.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor c Jones b Su'a	27
M J Slater c Morrison b Patel	168
D C Boon not out	105
M E Waugh not out	18
Extras (nb 10, b 1)	11
Total (2 wkts)	329

To bat: A R Border, S R Waugh, I A Healy, P R Reiffel, T B A May, S K Warne, C J McDermott.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-300

BOWLING: Morrison 18-3-63-0, Su'a 17-2-68-1, Doull 15-0-60-0, de Groen 20-5-66-0, Patel 18-3-55-1, Harris 2-0-18-0

NEW ZEALAND: M J Greatbatch, B A Pocock, A H Jones, K R Rutherford (capt), D N Patel, C Z Harris, T E Blain, M L Su'a, S B Doull, D K Morrison, R P de Groen.

Such a team cannot afford to drop early catches nor, really, could it afford to lose so significant a toss. In Perth, Australia had meandered along as if time were their friend; here, thanks largely to Slater's intrepid spirit, they attacked with relish to set a pattern New Zealand may find hard to break.

Su'a's limp opening three overs brought 23 runs, with Taylor driving through point and Slater picking boundaries off his toes. In an hour, 65 runs were scored. Taylor, though, did not greatly benefit from his pardon on ten, slicing a drive to gully off the undeserving Su'a. His departure heralded the arrival of Boon, a batsman determined to score 100 in the second Test to be played on his home turf (actually he resides in Launceston, from which retreat Hobart is dismissed as a cosmopolitan disaster).

Pretty soon Boon was taking root and it was a surprise that he needed the fortune of a missed stumping, on 65, as he made his way towards three figures. Slater it was, though, who stole the show, dashing to 50 in 70 balls to take Australia to 104 for one at lunch, by which time only one over of spin had been bowled.

After lunch, Slater continued to dominate, driving Morrison through cover on the rise, flicking off his pads and late-cutting regularly. Whereas Boon, Taylor and Border are solid and secure, their strokes streamlined to a fault, Slater carries spectators with him because he lives a little and dies a little with every ball, his brain having not yet risen to the challenge of taking command of his considerable energies.

Soon Rutherford had spread his field and was bowling his trundlers. On 87, Slater had a stroke of luck, a defensive push appearing to land on his boot and end in Rutherford's hands at silly point. Naturally, the benefit of the doubt was given, a reprieve Slater will doubtless set against such mishaps as befall him.

Mostly he batted with panache against a labouring attack, reaching his hundred in 162 balls and promptly kissing his cap. After tea, with the score at 211 for one, he widened his range of shots further and played a stroke through cover with a knee on the ground, raising cheers from a crowd of 4,054.

Eventually, Slater tried another booming drive to cover and was caught by Morrison, diving smartly forwards to take a low catch.

By no means did this wicket perturb Boon, who reached his century in 222 balls in the closing minutes. Mark Waugh had joined him and even he seemed to realise that this was an opportunity too good to waste.

England's plan in ruins

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KARACHI

ENGLAND'S carefully prepared assault on squash's world team title has run into trouble after the team discovered they must face Pakistan in today's semi-finals.

Silver medal-winners last time, England were seeded to win in qualifying pool B and duly did so yesterday with a sound enough thrashing of Sweden, but Jonah Barrington, the England coach, and Paul Wright, the team manager, were noticably more serious later on as Australia, the defending champions, blended two stunning individual performances, to overturn the hosts 2-1 in front of a packed and increasingly disbelieving crowd at the Asif Nawaz squash complex here.

Ken Hiscoe, the Australian manager, appreciated a job well-done by his players, which earned then a relatively restful semi-final day.

"England and Pakistan are going to be at each other from the first rally," Hiscoe said. "I'll be there to watch it and the longer it goes on, the more I will like it."

England will not be averse to the work involved. Yesterday, Peter Marshall destroyed Frederik Johnson 9-4, 9-0, 9-0 while Philip Whitlock's 9-0, 9-2, 9-2 dismissal of Daniel Forslund and Chris Walker's 9-0, 9-5, 9-3 win over Anders Thoren were similarly impressive.

Either Walker or Simon Parke, the England fourth string, could score a win over Zarak Jahan at the bottom of the rubber today, but getting a point from either Jansher or Jahangir Khan after yesterday's humiliation on home ground could have been specially designed as the ultimate competitive test for England.

Then, presumably, there would be the Australians to follow on Monday, after they have disposed of Finland in the other semi-final.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Detroit 6, Chicago 10. Dallas 14, Miami 16.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final group: Pool A: Barcelona (Sp) 64, Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 90. Pool B: Panathinaikos (Gr) 67, Istanbul (Tur) 82. Badalona (Sp) 75, Zagreb (Cro) 60; Cantu (It) 74, Benfica (Por) 65, Bologna (It) 76, Pau Orthez (Fr) 61.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 87 (Gardinor 27, Mandl 26), Sunderland 97 (Saunders 28, A Hoppor 22).

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: Queensland 330, South Australia 295-5 (P Nobes 140). Sydney: New South Wales 353-5 dec, Tasmania 274-6 (D Hills 88, N Courtney 55, M Divenuto 53).

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round: First leg: KV Mechelen (Bel) 1, Cagliari (It) 3.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Semi-finals: Group two: Guarani 1, Palmeiras 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton Wanderers 2, Manchester United 4.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham Hotspur 3, Bristol City 0.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Second division: Distillery 6, Coleraine 0, Larne 1, Ards 3.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Leading second-round scores (Australia unless stated): 136: D Iwasaki-Smith, 67, 69. 137: W Grady, 68, 69. 138: D Cole, 69, 69. 139: R Allenby, 70, 69; J Woodland, 71, 68, B Faxon (US), 65, 74, B Hughes 68, 71. 140: B Andrews, 68, 72, P Senior, 67, 73, G Waite (NZ), 67, 73, M Clayton, 69, 71; R Davis, 70, 70. 141: B Cole, 71, 70. Other scores: 143: C Strange (US), 69, 74. 144: R Floyd (US), 71, 73. 145: A Lyle (GB), 72, 73; G Norman, 74, 71, I Baker-Finch, 67, 78. 146: J Payne (GB), 73, 73; S Elkington, 72, 74. 153: C Moody (GB), 75, 78. E O'Connell (Ire), 74, 79.

KAMMON, Japan: Casio World Open: Leading second-round scores: 134: J Haeggman (Swe), 67, 67. 136: F Minoza (Phil), 69, 67. 137: M Brooks (US), 68, 69. 138: T Lehman (US), 69, 69. K Clearwater (US), 69, 69. Other scores: 142: C Rocca (It), 71, 71. 147: S Bolfosiaos (Sp), 78, 69.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec 8, Los Angeles 6.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce public schools old boys doubles championship: Final: Eton (W Boono and M Hue Williams) bt Marlborough (A Robinson and G Barker), 15-2, 15-10, 16-17, 15-4, 15-7.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Land British Open doubles championship: quarter-finals: R Fahey and L Deuchar (Aus) bt C Lumley (Aus) and A Phillips (GB), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 5-6, 6-4; J Male (GB) and F Filippelli (Aus) bt N Pendrigh and J Acheson-Gray (GB), 6-0, 6-1, 6-1; C Bray and M Gooding (GB) bt M Devine and K Sheldon (GB), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-5.

SKIING

SANTA CATERINA VALFURVA, Italy: World Cup: Women's giant slalom: 1, A Wachter (Austria), 2min 17.31sec (first leg 1 07.26, second 1 10.05). 2, V Schneider (Switz), 2.18.09 (1.07.91, 1'10.18); 3, U Maier (Austria), 2.18.44 (1.07.78, 1.10.66). Leading positions (after two races) Individual: 1, Wachter, 200pts; 2, Schneider, 130; 3, Morle, 110. Team: 1, Austria, 557pts, 2, France, 323; 3, Switzerland, 300.

SQUASH

KARACHI: World team championship: Pool A: Australia bt Pakistan, 2-1 (Australia names first): R Martin lost to Jansher Khan, 9-1, 9-5, 9-4, B Merlin bt Jahangir Khan, 9-2, 3-9, 9-5, R Eyles bt Zarak Khan, 9-3, 3-9, 9-3, 9-2. Egypt bt New Zealand, 2-1. Final positions: 1, Australia, 6pts; 2, Pakistan, 4; 3, Egypt, 2; 4, New Zealand, 0. Pool B: England bt Sweden, 3-0 (England names first): P Marshall bt F Johnson, 9-4, 9-0, 9-0, P Whitlock bt D Forslund, 9-0, 9-2, 9-2, C Walker bt A Thoren, 9-0, 9-5, 9-3. Finland bt Holland, 3-0. Final positions: 1, England, 6pts; 2, Finland, 4; 3, Sweden, 2; 4, Holland 0. Today's semi-finals: Australia v Finland, Pakistan v England. Pool C: Ireland bt France, 3-0, Canada bt Spain, 3-0. Pool C winners: Canada. Pool D: Germany bt Denmark, 3-0, Scotland bt Austria, 3-0. Pool D winners: Germany. Pool E: Malaysia bt Argentina, 3-0. Pool E winners: Malaysia. Pool F: Singapore bt Brazil, 2-1. Pool F winners: Singapore. Pool G: Wales bt Nigeria, 3-0. Pool G winners: Wales. Pool H: South Africa bt Japan, 3-0. Pool H winners: South Africa.

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: ATP world doubles championship: Forbes-Segal group: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; S Casal and E Sanchez (Spl bt T Nilsson (Holl) and C Suk (Cz Rep), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6. Hewitt-McMillan group: D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovsky (Russ) bt G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Connell and Galbraith bt R Leach and K Flach (US), 7-6, 6-3.

SHEFFIELD: European team championship: Champions' division: Relegation play-offs: Sweden lead Britain, 1-0 (M Vallin bt M Wainwright, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4); Belgium lead Switzerland, 1-0.

LTA WINTER INDOOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Group one: Middlesex 7, Yorkshire 2 (at Telford). Women: Group one: Middlesex 6, Lancashire 3 (at Telford).

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: World Grand Champions Cup: Brazil bt South Korea, 3-0, Italy bt US, 3-0; Cuba bt Japan, 3-1. Leading positions: 1, Italy, played 3, points 6; 2, Brazil, 3, 5; 3, Cuba, 3, 5.

WEIGHTLIFTING

PONCE, Puerto Rico: Central American and Caribbean Games: 76kg, jerk: P Lara (Cuba), 205kg (world record).

YACHTING

AUCKLAND: International match racing: Preliminary rounds: Leaders (after 16 matches): 1, P Gilmour (Aus), 13 wins; 2, R Coutts (NC), 12, equal 3, C Law (GB), E Baird (US) and R Heiner (Holl), 10.

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The Times/Olivetti finalists prepare in La Manga for Corporate Golf Challenge

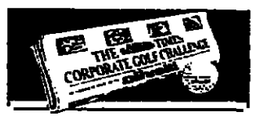
Business fraternity looks for novel annual bonus

FROM MEL WEBB IN LA MANGA

EIGHT months and more than 10,000 rounds of golf after its launch, *The Times*/Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge reaches its climax today with the start of the national final at the luxurious Hyatt La Manga Club Resort. The verdict of players, officials and a gaggle of big-name sponsors, even before the action gets under way, is that the competition has been an outstanding success in its inaugural year.

There is, however, one cloud on the horizon. Or, to be more accurate, a whole skyful of clouds. The competitors should have been enjoying some early winter sun in southeast Spain these last 48 hours; thus far, it has stubbornly refused to put in an appearance.

The challenge, the first nationwide golf competition in the United Kingdom aimed specifically at the business community, has four teams of five from England and one from Ireland in the final. They were flown to Spain by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, the Spanish national airline, and are staying at Hyatt's five-star Hotel Principe Felipe. They are wearing sweaters and shirts, complete with company logos, presented to them by Lyle and Scott, the leading sport and leisure knitwear company, and will be using



balls donated by Titleist, official ball suppliers to the PGA European Tour.

The Irish were the only team from their country in the Scotland and Ireland regional final at Haggs Castle in Glasgow, where they took on the Scots in their own back yard and beat them — but it was a close-run thing.

The quartet from the Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association have since been splashed all over their house magazines and local newspapers. They have nobody in their team lower than an 11 handicap and attributed their success at Haggs Castle to teamwork rather than individual brilliance in what was the tightest competition in the five regional finals — only six points separated the leading 14 teams.

They will not have things all their own way if some grimly-determined messages of intent that were bandied round the La Manga clubhouse yesterday afternoon meant anything. They all claimed they were going to win, and handsomely. But then, they would — the average golfer is a competitive animal and the players here are not average golfers, whatever their handicaps.

The other finalists are Medical Investment Group, who won the North final at Fulford, BP Oil UK, winners of the Midland competition at Collingtree Park, Hall and Coaker, who took the honours in the Southern region at Foxhills with the highest winning total of the five finalists with 95 points — and Allied Dunbar, who won the West region competition on a day of rain at Bristol and Clifton.

The final will be run on the same basis as the regional finals — Stableford off ⅞ handicap, with the best two scores to count on each hole. The one difference is that the competition will be over 36 rather than 18 holes, with one round being played today and the second tomorrow.

The weekend has been enlivened already by the presence of Richard Boxall and Darren Clarke, the PGA European Tour players. Both took part in a long-driving competition yesterday and, after watching Richard Armitage, of Allied Dunbar, hit the amateur best of 310 yards, Clarke lived up to his reputation as a fearsome hitter by driving the ball clean out of the practice range.

HUGH RCUTLEDGE



Darren Allard, of Hall and Coaker, at practice yesterday

Iwazaki-Smith on his mettle

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MELBOURNE

DAVID Iwazaki-Smith may not strictly qualify for the title of the iron man from Japan, but, allowing for a little sporting licence, it is as good a description as any of the player who led the Australian Open after the second round at the Metropolitan club here yesterday.

Iwazaki-Smith, 33, from Murrumbeena, in Victoria, coped with temperatures in the nineties and Melbourne's notorious northerly wind to return a round of 69, three under par, which left him on 136, eight under.

Wayne Grady, the former US PGA champion, revived and refreshed after two months off, is second, on 137, while Greg Norman, much more like his usual perky self, shot 71 to make the cut safely on 145, the same mark as Sandy Lyle.

Iwazaki-Smith, only 79th on the Australian order of merit, was in so much pain from tendinitis a few months ago that his future was in doubt. Visits to physiotherapists and chiropractors proved useless, as did rest.

Then Iwazaki-Smith met Dick Wicks, who was once wheelchair-bound but is now walking and has made his fortune selling magnetic health products. He now wears elasticated supports on both elbows and 15 little magnets are stitched inside each support.

"The theory is that they attract the iron in the blood and this gets more circulation to the affected areas," Iwazaki-Smith explained. He also has a back support he wears off the course and a variety of bracelets and rings. "You can say it's all in the mind," he said, "but I haven't had any pain for months. They use the treatment on horses and greyhounds and you can't get inside the mind of an animal."

The leader's performance is remarkable on another count. He had no practice round, having had to make two trips to hospital with his pregnant wife, two visits to the doctor with his sick child and two journeys to the immigration department because his in-laws want to move from Japan to Australia. Golf must have come as a blessed relief.

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Laws in need of revision if screen test goes ahead



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

To what extent can rugby union be thought a part of the entertainment business? It is not an idle question. Such a claim is often made on its behalf these days. As if to reinforce the view, there are those who will take a step further and consider themselves part of the glitzier world of showbusiness and, with a festive season upon us, will tread the boards in pantomime. It is hard to reconcile sporting honour with the likes of Widow Twanky, but there is no accounting for taste.

In New Zealand, where rugby union competes vigorously for audiences with rugby league, there is an admission of searching for the "entertainment dollar". The game must be made more appealing and more accessible. It is television that encourages this. I raise the matter because the four home unions are in the throes, once they all see eye to eye, of offering for tender the contract for televising rugby union.

Yet to what extent can rugby justify the boast that it is an entertainment and not merely a straightforward contest of physical endeavour that has been promoted primarily in the interests of the contestants. The refrain that has carried for over a century is that it is a player's game, but with television in the frame and with the declared ambition of the International Rugby Football Board to widen the game's appeal, is this any longer enough? To be an entertainment, in the truest sense, rugby must serve the public more.

Does Rugby really have the talent to occupy the observer's time in an agreeable fashion? Entertainers are there to please the whole audience, to win them over to their side, not leave them wondering exactly what went on, as rugby regularly does.

There is no obligation on a rugby player or his team to please the whole audience. His obligation is to play to win, whether by rich pattern or dour. That a rugby match can provide tension and thrills in the last ten minutes does not excuse the absence of skill in the previous 70. That rugby is rough hardly matters. That it is often dull should.

All this represents a dilemma rugby needs to resolve. Where does the game wish to position itself for the future? How far afield do the authorities wish to make their appeal? It is not a game that lends itself naturally to television. Whatever the game's technical advisors say about it being a simple game, it can be mystifying to the uninitiated and it is the uninitiated television wishes to attract.

Rugby and television form an uneasy alliance. While the relationship is comfortable enough at international level, it is not so at club level. This is one of the discrepancies with which the four home unions are wrestling. They know that the television companies would prefer, given the chance, to negotiate solely for the rights to international matches. These are big events which provide the excitement television needs to attract the audiences it wants.

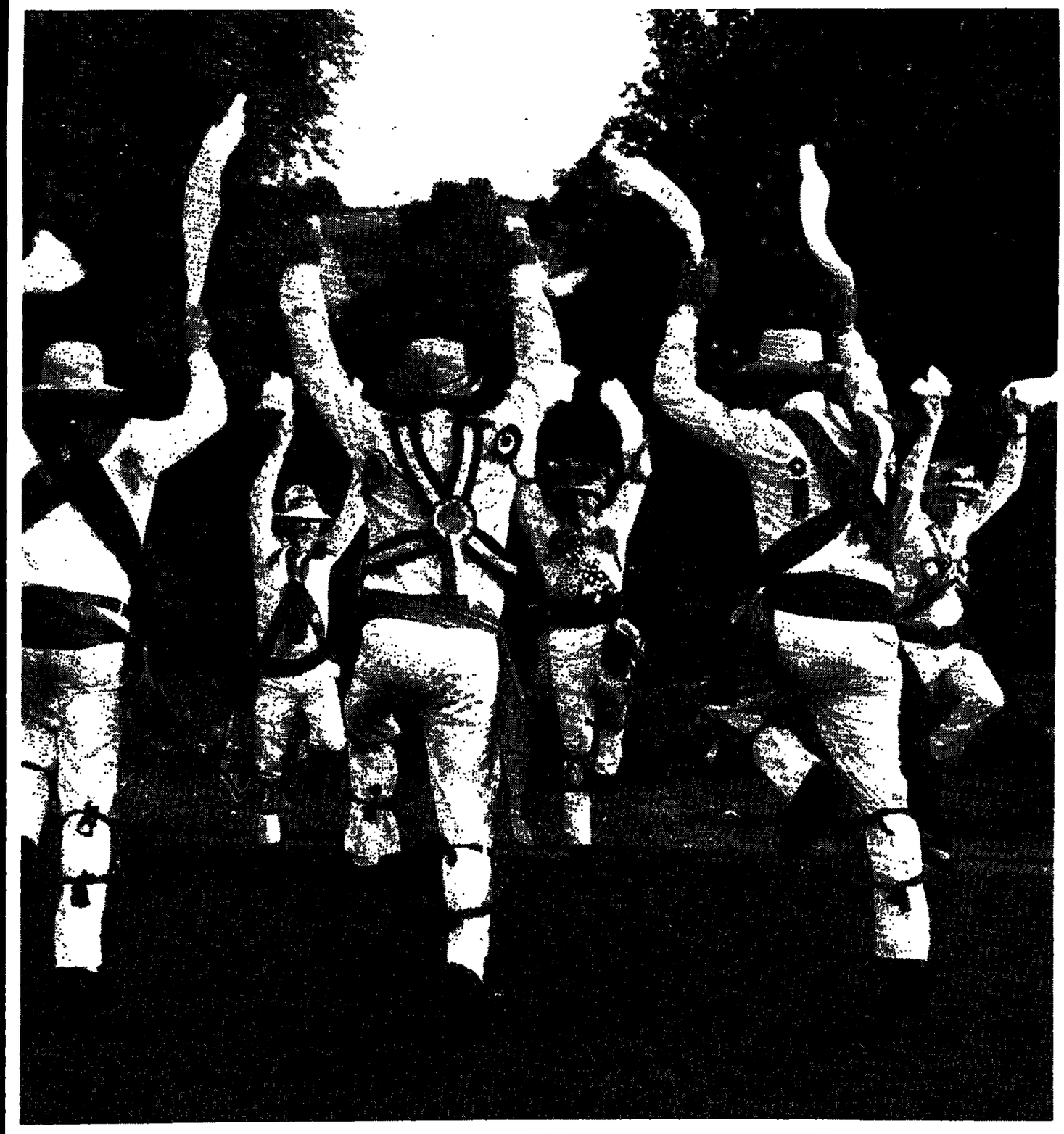
This is the negotiating position from which the unions demand a guaranteed weekly programme of club matches of the kind now represented in the form of *Rugby Special*. Such a programme is less attractive. These are bonuses for rugby but a loss-leader for television. Recently in Wales, an HTV audience-participation game show, *Tellyphonin'*, had more viewers than *Rugby Special*, which was on at the same time. To introduce live club matches, as has been suggested, might be less of an advantage as they can hardly be defined as entertainment, other than to the hardened rugby follower.

If rugby is to be a fully integrated television sport, it needs to raise the entertainment factor

Furthermore, the rugby authorities are uncertain how they should split up what they have on offer and how the fee should be divided. Are the club matches to be included in the way they have done in the past? Or are the club fixtures, cup and league, to be negotiated separately? To what extent are the unions to act in unison in these matters? And it has been further suggested the fee, which was just above £10 million three years ago and distributed in four equal shares, will be at least twice this amount, with England arguing, because it has the largest potential audience, it should be rewarded accordingly.

If rugby is to be a fully integrated television sport, it needs to raise the entertainment factor and for this to happen the laws need to be more easily comprehensible. If it is a mass audience the rugby authorities want, they may have to compromise the game they have known. Otherwise they should lower their expectations.

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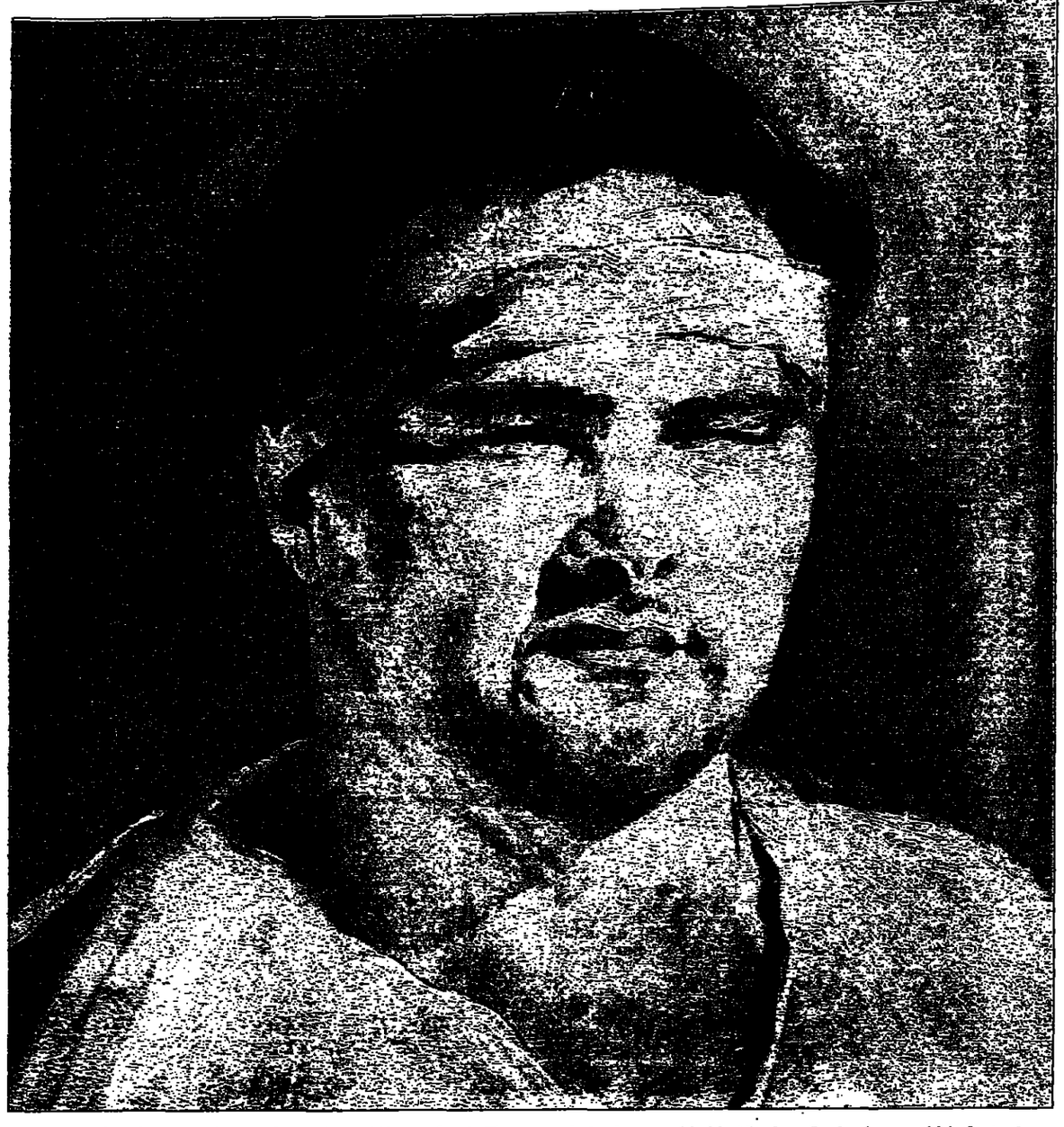


DEFINITELY A DRY BLACKTHORN DAY.

Saturday portrait: Brian Moore, by Andrew Longmore

England's leader of the pack spurred on by careless whispers

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



It will surprise only a few to learn that Brian Moore has been angry this week. Angry that, at the age of 31, there is a whisper that he, England's most-capped hooker, is not the player he once was. It is probably better not to mention that to his face. Moore does not suffer fools gladly and anyone who so much as suggests his form is not up to facing the might of the All Blacks at Twickenham this afternoon would automatically be lumped into a category reserved largely for journalists and the committee men of the Rugby Football Union.

As if renewing rivalry with Sean Fitzpatrick, the All Blacks captain, is not enough motivation for one day, Moore feels he is being watched, not just by the millions who have adopted his castellated snarl as the symbol of a new professionalism, but by an influential few who find the face altogether less acceptable.

Most of all, Moore will be out to silence Geoff Cooke, the England manager, who chose three hookers for the squad and professes to be unhappy with all of them.

A touch of psychology, playing on the insecurity and the pride of England's most committed soldier. Cooke knows his man better than most. Yet it is strange that, six years after his international debut against Scotland, Moore should still feel the need to prove himself every minute he is on the field. It is the same in what he calls his "other profession", as a civil litigation solicitor.

Moore himself offers few clues. "I'm no psychologist; I might be a case for one," he said. "I can see how I come across to other people like that and it does bear analysis, but it's not something I'm particularly aware of."

Moore is an adopted child, but is not prone, outside the privacy of his home, at least, to psychoanalyse the fact nor does he give the impression of being haunted by the rejection. He has never tried to trace his real parents, though he said once he had a "quiet desire" to know about them. No more than that.

He is aware, though, of the confrontational theme which runs through both halves of his life now. "A hooker has a direct battle with his opposite number in the way that a winger, for example, cannot; I enjoy that," he said. "I know that the All Blacks at Twickenham, the French away, will be huge battles and I look forward to them. That's the good thing about the front row."

So it is no coincidence that, of all the many branches of the law, he should have chosen the most contentious? "There are parts of the law which are lucrative and challenging, but not necessarily adversarial," he said. "What's attractive about litigation is its adversarial nature. People within law say it requires a certain type of person to be successful at it."

Richard Fleming, the rugby coach at Crossley Heath High School in Halifax when Moore captained the first XV in 1979, recalls a demanding pupil who had a flair for organisation and leadership way beyond his years or his talent.

> Deep down, he feels he would have been the England captain too had he gone to a different school

Fleming's first contact with Moore came in the form of a football unleashed from short range in the school gym. It struck the new PE master like a cannonball and left the same indelible mark on body and mind as Moore's introductions to opposing hookers on the field.

"I thought to myself: 'Here's one to watch'," Fleming recalled. "I don't think it was intentional. He couldn't kick that hard and keep it straight. But he was a fighter."

At the time, Moore was playing at centre for the school XV in the morning and hooking for the old boys team in the afternoon, an infringement of the union rules which was also a portent of battles to come. Initially, he was a scrum half, becoming a hooker only by accident at the age of 16. At 14½ stone, he is still small for the job, by modern standards, but his time outside the scrum has benefited his handling and his mobility.

"He was not an outstanding player, no better than many others who came through the school, but he had an ability to lead," Fleming said. "He would say: 'I'm in charge' and nobody would have any doubt about it. I could be away and leave a training session in his hands, knowing he would do a superb job."

It is still the same. Moore wants to direct the traffic, wherever he is, which is a source of frustration in his international career.

Only by proxy have England benefited from his qualities. Moore is the pack leader and, deep down, he feels he would have been the captain too had he gone to a different school, talked differently and tried harder to make friends in high places.

Instead, Moore has been the most trenchant and eloquent critic of the regime which, on the one hand, has promoted an era of professionalism and, on the other, denied the players their rewards. It is not a matter of whether the players want to become professionals, he argues — most do not — but whether they should have the choice.

He is a union player speaking with a league voice; a strong streak of the Methodist work ethic, the product of his religious upbringing, pervades his thinking. Rugby, like life, is a very serious business; not a gentle romp for the chaps.

"The only people who believe otherwise are those who want to use it as an argument for amateurism," Moore said. "Everyone knows that, at international level, that is not the case. People often ask if there are any funny moments in the game. Yes, there are, but not on the field.

"Internationals are hard, fast and brutal up front. It's bloody hard work. The satisfaction and the fun come afterwards in a job well done and a win achieved."

Even his fun is fully committed, judging by some of his post-match antics.

One other insight comes from John Olver, the Northampton hooker who has been Moore's understudy for much of the past five years. "I've got a lot of time for him," Olver said. "We're good friends, but I don't think, if the roles had been reversed and he had to watch me play from the bench, he could have taken it. That says something about him. I'm more laid back. His greatest attribute is his single-minded toughness."

In media terms, that quality has been joyously translated into a portrait of Moore the Hard Man. From his northern background to his gap teeth, Moore is perfect for the role: mean and ignorant of fear. But opinion is divided over whether he has actively encouraged the image with his Vinnie Jones gestures of defiance. If so, he is beginning to tire of the whole thing.

"Don't use the phrase 'tough guy'," he said. "It's embarrassing more than anything. I'm not going to step back from anything, but nor is anyone else. Nobody is going to be intimidated at this level."

But, more than anyone, Moore has played the iron fist in an England team which, for too long, was all velvet glove. Two grand slams, two Lions tours, a World Cup final, 45 caps and the unavowed hostility of the rugby authorities have been his reward. And, whatever happens unseen inside the scrum this afternoon, he has his sights set on the World Cup in 1995.

He should be there, too. When all the talk is done, he is just a great bloke to have on your side.

Dooley's absence weakens Preston

BY DAVID HANDS

LIFE continues elsewhere, even if most roads lead to Twickenham today. Some famous names grace the third round of the Pilkington Cup while Neath are seeking to recover the leadership of the Heineken League by beating Pontypridd at Sardis Road.

Wade Dooley, the former England lock, must sit out Preston Grasshoppers' cup match at Coventry because of a knee injury and his club will do well to succeed against the cup-winners of 1973 and 1974, who are lying third in the third division.

Not that league success while Blackheath have moved their tie with London Welsh to tomorrow to avoid a clash with the televised international between England and New Zealand.

Blackheath's match will be preceded by the presentation of a cheque for £5,000 to the Royal Marsden Hospital, raised by club members cycling from London to Brighton. If Mickey Skinner, the former England flanker who will present the cheque, can whip up the same tenacity among his players then London Welsh, whose form in the fifth division south has been inconsistent, may struggle.

Neil Jenkins, the Welsh centre and the highest scorer in the Heineken League, comes face to face with another successful goalkicker, Paul Thorburn, as Pontypridd try to stay in touch with the leading four clubs. Jenkins already has 132 league points this season, while a single conversion will take Thorburn to his season's century.

Greg Prosser, the Pontypridd lock, who was sent off against Llanelli a fortnight ago, has been cleared to play against Neath because his disciplinary hearing has been postponed until next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Swansea, having regained first place in the division, should hang on to it against Newbridge and give a debut to Shane McIntosh, the New Zealand centre who has joined them from West of Scotland.

Nick Popplewell, the British Isles prop, will miss Leinster's inter-provincial match with Ulster in Dublin today because of damaged medial ligaments in his knee.

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proved any great benefit for Bedford when Bradford and Bingley dismissed them from the cup in the second round. Bradford's reward is a home tie with Fylde, the most successful northern-based club in the third division and playing an attractive brand of rugby that should take them through to the fourth-round draw on Tuesday, when the first and second-division clubs are included.

In the southern half of today's draw, two clubs who have known better days, Rosslyn Park and Plymouth Albion, meet at Roehampton

Bracken capable of making powerful first impression



Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, on the task presented by the All Blacks

The All Blacks tour reaches its peak at Twickenham today. It has become clear to me and many others that their visit has been made too easy.

The teams they have met have not prepared well enough to make their lives difficult. New Zealand regarded this tour as an opportunity to begin the construction of a new side for the 1995 World Cup without Kirwan, Fox, Jones and, as it has turned out, Robin Brooke or Stensness.

We have managed to make their rebuilding process much easier than it could or should have been. They must be very happy because they have rarely been stretched. Only today are they facing a match they know they could lose. One such game on a tour is not enough.

I do not think the clubs are ready to play them. Therefore the divisions should have been allowed more time to prepare. London, for example, should have played an early warm-up fixture, then all three divisional games, followed immediately by the All Blacks, which would have been a fifth game in a row. We have to look closely at how we prepare ourselves for important tours here. The British Isles tour to New Zealand last summer was much more difficult and that is a lesson we have to learn.

England play the All Blacks today missing three members of the British Lions international side: Martin Bayfield, Jerry Guscott and Dewi Morris. Our task is sizeable, but we are not short of confidence because, if we get everything right, we have the ability to beat them. Yet the level of our performance will have to be high.

For me, there is the challenge of finding a new face alongside me at scrum half. Kyran Bracken and I will play our first match together at any level against, of all sides, New Zealand. Yet that probably does not make as much difference as people might think. Kyran's basic skills of passing and kicking are excellent and, as long as he stays calm and performs those basic skills well, he will not have a problem. It is crucial you get your basic skills right because there is so little time at international level.

In the unstructured part of the game he could do something I am not expecting, but Kyran is very level-headed and well organised. He thinks a lot about what he is doing with his game.

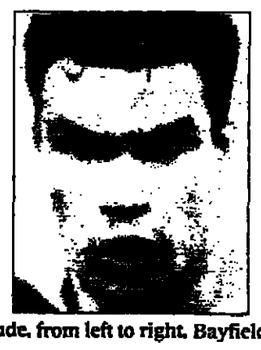
He has already played against New Zealand twice on this tour but he has not experienced this type of high-pressure situation before. I hope the rest of team is organised well enough that it can slot in around him. In a match of this kind, all you have to focus on is your own job. You do not have to cover for anybody because they are good enough players to do their own job.

A substantial part of the half-backs' role is to calm things down and organise the play. Kyran is new to the role at this level and in a similar position to me when I was chosen for to play for the Lions in the second international against Australia in 1989. I had never played a match with Robert Jones before, but I sensed in training things would be okay. I do not think there will be a problem here either.

This match is a fresh start for England, who are looking ahead to the World Cup. It is a new side and an exciting one. Maybe it is inexperienced, but there is a lot of talent and I hope the supporters will get behind us.









Notable absentees at Twickenham this afternoon include, from left to right, Bayfield, Morris, Jones and Fox

Armstrong back at scrum half

BY ALAN LORIMER

GIVEN what happened at Murrayfield last Saturday, when Scotland were overwhelmed 51-15 by New Zealand, Gary Armstrong may have had more than foresight in opting to take time out from international rugby. Yet with an appearance for the Barbarians against the All Blacks in Cardiff next weekend promised and selection for South of Scotland likely, Armstrong's break from the higher reaches of the game could be brief.

Today, Armstrong, the erstwhile Scotland scrum half, is in the No 9 jersey for Jed-Forest, who face West of Scotland in the McEwan's League match at Riverside.

This will be Armstrong's first league outing at scrum half since he took the decisive step of informing the Scottish Rugby Union that he did not want to be considered for the Scotland team in that position. Since then, he has played at inside centre, stand-off half and, latterly, full back for Jed-Forest in their McEwan's and Bank of Scotland Border League games.

Jed-Forest, at present fourth from the bottom of the first division, need Armstrong back at scrum half. It is also true that Armstrong needs his club to be the catalyst in a change of thinking about his immediate future in international rugby.

Meanwhile, at the top of the first division, Melrose, the leaders, have had to postpone their match with Boroughmuir because of frosty conditions at the Greenyards pitch. This, no doubt, will be a relief to both sides, who are missing key personnel through injury.

Injury is still preventing Gregor Townsend from appearing at stand-off for Gala, but the talented youngster is likely to turn out for his club next week after recovering from a fracture in his hand.

Elsewhere, Heriot's FP, the joint-leaders, face a difficult match against Currie at Malleny Park. Any slip by Heriot's would benefit Stirling County, the club in third place, who should be favourites to win at Bridgehaugh against Hawick. This match, however, could fall victim to the cold conditions affecting most of Scotland. Postponements are the last thing the championship organisers need at this stage of what is an already overcrowded season.

Top of table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	7	6	0	1	188	99	12
Heriot's FP	7	6	0	1	163	84	12
Stirling Co	7	5	1	1	163	91	11
Gala	7	5	0	2	173	110	10

☐ Marcel Martin, a director of Rugby World Cup Ltd, in Hong Kong on a fact-finding visit following the decision to stage the 1997 World Cup sevens tournament there, said that only the holders, England, the beaten finalists, Australia, and Hong Kong, as hosts, will qualify directly. The 58 other teams affiliated to the International Rugby Board will contest 21 available places.



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New Zealand new boy is romantic at heart

Wilson's wing wizardry gives him dream choice

David Hands meets Jeff Wilson, who lines up today for his first international at Twickenham

DES JENSON



Jeff Wilson, the latest exceptional All Black wing

JEFF Wilson is the stuff that dreams are made of. Or, if you are Scottish, nightmares. Wilson is the New Zealander who had scribes groping for their comic-book memories of *Wilson of the Wizard* last week when he scored three tries and kicked a goal on his rugby union international debut at Murrayfield. Today, he brings his talents to Twickenham.

In looks, Wilson, 20 last month, is very much in the modern idiom and already the conventional All Black attitudes spring readily from his lips. Yet, underneath it all, Wilson is a romantic — he dreams too. Anyone who claims Serge Blanco as their most-admired rugby player has to have a vision for the game beyond the ordinary.

"I guess you're allowed to be a dreamer on the wing," he said. "I admire players who make things happen, who can create — like Blanco, like Campese." It is no coincidence that both played at full back, even though the latter's fame is as the most entertaining wing in the world. Wilson — "Goldie" to his team-mates, short for "Golden Boy" — would prefer to play full back, but rests content with his place on New Zealand's right wing against England.

There he can be compared with some of the great three-quarters who have graced New Zealand teams in the past. During this tour, similarities have been drawn with Grahame Thorne and Brian Williams, two players who, as teenagers, made a startling impact in the mid-Sixties and early Seventies. There is, of course, another with whom he bears comparison, the man who occupied the right wing against the British Isles during the summer — John Kirwan from Auckland, North Island, while Wilson is from Invercargill, in the deep south.

Like Wilson, Kirwan appeared for the All Blacks before his twentieth birthday. In other circumstances, the two might have toured together this autumn. That would have afforded an intriguing comparison of styles: Kirwan, all snorting, uncontrolled power and speed like a runaway horse; Wilson the more contained player, both with a big sidestep, which, in Wilson's case, baffled three Scottish defenders a week ago.

Wilson would have enjoyed the chance to draw on Kirwan's experience, too, but the selectors decided otherwise. Not that Wilson has modelled himself on any other individual: "I try to build a game of my own. My heroes are the real athletes — Michael Jordan, Carl Lewis." That puts rugby firmly in its place.

Wilson betrays a maturity beyond his years in another sense, too. He must know as well as anyone that commercial opportunities beckon for the young and talented sportsman these days, yet he remains firm in his mind that he will return to his teacher training course in Dunedin.

"It's on hold momentarily, but there's no way I'm going to stop trying, it's what I want to do. After all, anything can happen in sport." On hold is right: when Wilson returns home, the cricket season will be in full swing and he will be plunged into provincial matches in his summer sport, at which he has so far appeared in four one-day internationals, performing with bat and ball.

Pakistan are due to tour and, later next year, New Zealand's cricketers visit England. That is when Wilson must make up his mind whether to be a muddied oaf or a flannelled fool, since New Zealand's 1994 rugby programme incorporates visits from France and South Africa.

Wilson has manfully fended off questions about his sporting future, although his success in Britain and Laurie Mains's persuasive tongue may prove an effective combination on behalf of rugby. The problem has been apparent for some time: at Cargill High School last year, he scored 66 points from nine tries and 15 conversions in one rugby match and played senior provincial cricket before his school days ended. It is an odd quirk that the last dual international to have played cricket and rugby for New Zealand, Brian McKechnie, was also a full back from Southland. Perhaps it is something to do with the bracing air?

Wilson's burgeoning talents embrace both sports: "I love playing soccer, though I don't take it seriously. Baseball, softball, basketball, I love the competitiveness of it all — though I don't like swimming. I'm a stone. If you ask me, man wasn't made for water."

Wilson, though, seems made for rugby. Against London at Twickenham five weeks ago, he collected two tries, neither of them difficult but both made to look easier by the concentration he applied. He kicked goals against the North, scored a runaway interception against England A and then came his memorable hat-trick against the Scots.

> 'When you play with guys this good, they create the space, create gaps, the opportunities for you. And then it is up to you to use them'

"Those tries were just finishing off, with one involving a bit of footwork," he said rather too dismissively. "That's all there was to it. When you play with guys this good, they create opportunities for you, they create the space, you know where the gaps are because you've trained for it and it's up to you to take them.

"The Scotland game's over. If I keep looking back at that, it will affect my performance on Saturday. That's the new challenge. I saw Rory Underwood playing for the Lions in New Zealand and he played very well, he's quick, he's got good skills. It's up to me to work out what he does, where his weaknesses are and whether I can exploit them."

This is Wilson very firmly in All Black mode. Yet this is the man whose favourite recent films are *Field of Dreams* and *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves*, two Kevin Costner epics. Somewhere inside the black jersey is a romantic trying to escape.

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All Black dismissal that soured opening encounter

BY DAVID HANDS

THE first game between England and New Zealand at Twickenham, on January 3, 1925, was notable for the wrong reason: under the gaze of King George V and doubtless a horrified Rugby Football Union committee, Albert Freethy, the Welsh referee, sent off Cyril Brownlie, the All Blacks' forward, after an altercation between the packs.

The Encyclopaedia of New Zealand Rugby primly observes that "perhaps Brownlie was unfortunate to be singled out as the prime offender" but his colleagues, including brother Maurice, did not let his loss upset them: despite playing against one of the most successful England sides of the era, they won 17-11 and Maurice Brownlie was among the try-scorers.

The two countries had met earlier, in 1905, when Duncan McGregor scored four of New Zealand's tries, but that was at Crystal Palace. Eight years later, Tom "Tiger" Lynch, a brilliant threequarter, scored three tries on his international debut against Australia, the last New Zealand player to achieve that feat until Jeff Wilson against Scotland last week.

England's biggest winning margin against New Zealand was achieved in the 1936 game at Twickenham, the 13-0 success which will always be remembered for Alex Obolensky's two tries, the second a crossfield run by the Russian prince against the grain of the New Zealand defence.

Their only other victory at Twickenham was that of 1983 against the All Blacks, led by Stu Wilson. It was the culmination of a studied campaign by the divisional sides which played a touring party lacking five first-choice forwards and the talented scrum half, David Loveridge.

DETAILS

Twickenham results
1925: England 11, New Zealand 17
1936: England 13, New Zealand 0
1954: England 0, New Zealand 5
1964: England 0, New Zealand 14
1967: England 11, New Zealand 23
1973: England 0, New Zealand 9
1978: England 6, New Zealand 16
1979: England 9, New Zealand 10
1983: England 15, New Zealand 9
1991: England 12, New Zealand 18

Basketball hands out rough justice in court



SIMON BARNES On Saturday

RECIPROCAL sporting myths: Americans believe cricket is a boring game played by cissies: Brits believe the same thing about basketball. Sporting truths: in cricket, unlike baseball, it is permitted — indeed, sometimes considered essential — to hit the batsman with the ball. And basketball is a game of physical confrontation: do not believe a word of the guff about it being a non-contact sport.

Ask Isiah Thomas, or Bill Laimbeer, for that matter. Both play for Detroit Pistons in the National Basketball Association (NBA) of the United States. Laimbeer's principal role is that of enforcer: a player voracious for the rebound, a man of his elbows who fractures ribs and breaks noses. Thomas is the Pistons' superstar and one of the top scorers in the NBA: every team should have one, for basketball, more than any other game, is the perfect vehicle for the superstar.

Laimbeer is a competitive man, even in practice. During a recent Detroit practice session, he got an elbow in on Thomas, breaking a rib and keeping Thomas off the court for several games.

A few days ago, Thomas returned to the team's active list. Back to practice, then. Once again, he was roughed up by Laimbeer. This time, it became a little too much. Thomas was not so much hurt as angry, so he punched Laimbeer in the head. Laimbeer, clearly invulnerable in that area, was unhurt. But Thomas suffered a broken shooting hand: he is out of the game for an unspecified period.

Sorry state

More on elbows, and the disturbing case of John Fashanu, elbower, and Gary Mabbutt, elbowee. Terry Burton, Wimbledon Football Club's assistant manager, managed to show at least as much clumsiness as Fashanu with his statement on the subject: "We are all greatly concerned about Gary and, particularly if the injury turns out to be more serious than was first thought, we will be sending our condolences." I trust that such a step will not be called for.

City exchange

Sydney on Melbourne: boring, provincial, backward, sports-mad because there is nothing else to do there. Melbourne on Sydney: slick, superficial and filled with the detritus of the international community, a place without real values. Melbourne blew its hopes of the 1996 Olympic Games with a brilliantly-timed tram strike; Sydney is the site of the 2000 Games.

But this is not exactly a twain-shall-meet situation. Kevan Gosper, Sydney-born, a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee and inevitably a crucial part of the 2000 organising commitee, has been appointed to run Melbourne. He will chair the committee of four that replaces the recently disbanded Melbourne city council. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity to serve two great cities," he said.

Joint saving

The knee is always a crucial joint for religious people and God, I gather, has cured the dodgy knee of Pat Cash, the man with the horrible headband who won Wimbledon back in the Pleistocene. "Having Jesus on your side is one helluva person to have in your corner," he said, contradicting himself at least twice in this short space. But nothing contradictory about the results, as reported in the Catholic paper *The Universe*. Cash, who has been off the circuit for more than a year, went to a healing service conducted by Monsignor Michael Buckley. "He held my knee in his hands," Cash said. "It was something very special. It gave me a lot of confidence that everything would be okay." Cash, a lapsed Catholic, is now unlapsed and he plans a tennis comeback next month.



On Parade

South Parade was a handicap hurdler who retired from racing with an injury. He went on to become, of all things, a police horse, clopping the streets of London with the Met. Obviously, this is the perfect way to rehabilitate. Recovered and fit, he is back in training as a racehorse. Toby Balding has him: "He's done plenty of roadwork, anyway."

Flaw show

It is getting to that ambrosial tawny port time of year again. My recent piece on David Gower and the nature of wayward genius prompted a letter from John Manuel. Of the notional Wayward Genius Club, he writes: "To qualify, the nominee must have transcended the heights and plumbed the depths."

He nominates Denis Compton, whose "negotiations for taking a run were legendary"; Henri Leconte, for his ability to "play like God and then disintegrate"; Keith Miller, "for scoring a superb duck when he refused to take part in Bradman's massacre of Essex in 1948"; Fred Couples "for gloriously throwing away a US PGA championship"; and Jimmy White, "for always calling a foul when not even the referee has seen it". I am sending a bottle of Cálem Colheita 1962 to Mr Manuel and I offer more ambrosia to further nominations for the Wayward Genius Club.

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Bradford's rise eclipses Leeds

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

EAST of the Pennines, the rugby league stronghold is shifting from Headingley to Odsal. Success and ambition, once the preserve of Leeds, are these days more closely associated with Bradford Northern.

It is Bradford who, for the second year running, are spearheading the Yorkshire challenge in the Stones Bitter Championship. More than £300,000 has been spent on bringing in Paul Newlove and Paul Dixon. Crowds are up significantly and, fanciful though it sounds, a proposal to put a sliding roof over the pitch shows the visionary thinking running through a resurgent club.

At Leeds, the money has apparently dried up. Spectators, angered by the club's worst start for eight years, are voting with their feet. The attendance last weekend, 6,482 for the home match with Leigh, was just over half last season's average.

The contrasting fortunes of the two sides will be assessed tomorrow at Valley Parade, the home of Bradford City Football Club. A "superdome" might be the way to combat the fog that invariably hangs around Odsal at this time of year, but, after the abandonment of the game with Wigan last week, Bradford are taking no chances by switching the venue.

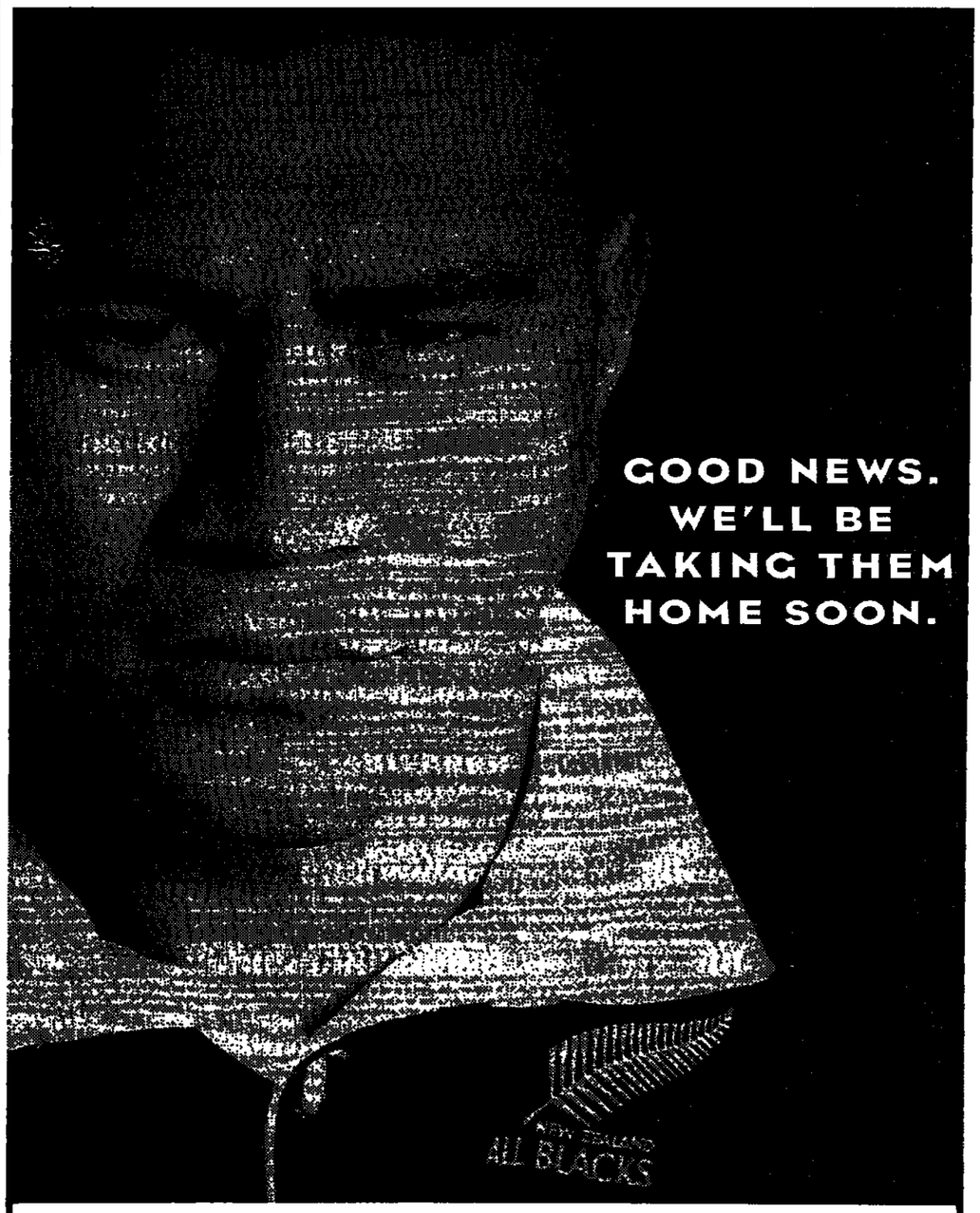
If home is not quite where the heart is, Bradford Northern are, nevertheless, in buoyant mood. They have lost to Hull Kingston Rovers and, heavily, toSt Helens, in their last outing, but these were explainable aberrations and, in eight league wins, they have grown in stature as the side has settled. Leeds' win against Leigh was their first for two months. There was little to suggest it was the start of something new. Although restored for his first full game for six weeks, the return of Ellery Hanley fails to remove the makeshift impression about the side.

Following the sale of Andy Gregory to Salford and the foot injury to Gareth Stephens, Leeds at last have an established scrum-half — Jason Donohue was finally signed on loan from Leigh yesterday until the end of the season — but an immediate encounter with Deryck Fox, Bradford's outstanding playmaker, looks an uneven contest.

As well as Bradford, Castleford and Wigan will hope to maintain their challenge at the top of the first division at home to Wakefield Trinity and Oldham respectively. Warrington, with two more points, should maintain that advantage with a win at Sheffield Eagles.



Hanley: restored



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Brooks searching for the perfect script

Richard Evans goes on location in Lambourn where Black Humour prepares for a leading role in the Hennessy



Brooks relaxes as Black Humour, accompanied by his lad Arthur Patrick, watches his companion, Ernest, a Shetland pony. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

It would make a good film script. In the opening scene, a dashing Old Etonian trainer, living with the glamorous wife of one of Britain's greatest jump jockeys, is out of luck and forced to put his Upper Lambourn yard up for sale as the winners and owners desert him. A horse, aptly named Black Humour, offers a ray of hope after winning at Aintree's Grand National meeting.

The next scene (a few months later): after two years in the doldrums, the luck has changed. Winners are flowing and Black Humour is now favourite for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury, one of jumping's top races, but the threat of having to leave his historic yard remains and the talented young trainer badly needs new owners.

After the intermission (48 hours before the big race): a multi-millionaire composer rings up out of the blue and decides to buy a horse as a present for his wife and have it in training with our hero. The horse is Black Humour. The gossip columns have a field day.

The final scene (Hennessy Gold Cup day): Charlie Brooks (for it is he) scraps plans to go to watch a hurdler run at Warwick. Instead, he travels to Newbury to meet his new owners, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife, Madeleine, who have flown in specially from Los Angeles to see their new horse run. Brooks saddles Black Humour for the big race and . . .

If this was fiction, and at times this week it has been difficult to differentiate between make believe and reality, the happy ending is obvious. Black Humour justifies favouritism and wins by a proverbial street, the celebrity couple pose for the battery of cameras, declare their trainer is brilliant and, as a result, new owners send him ten more horses. The for sale sign is removed from his Uplands yard.

Unfortunately, racing dashes dreams as quickly as it creates them and Brooks is the last person to get carried away. He has done it before and the disappointment was hard to bear.

"Of course, it would be nice to win the Hennessy and it's being seen as a great cap to a good start to the season, but if he doesn't win it is not the end of the world," he said. "It's easy to let one race become too important and that is a bad thing to do. If you do that you will have some big disappointments. I let myself do that twice before. When Celtic Shot was favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, this was going to be our saving grace and we would be flying again. I did the same with Espy in the Whitbread. I thought he was a certainty, but he didn't get the trip.

"I think we have got a huge chance on Saturday, but presumably nine other people think they have as well, so who is to say I am right. We have got a good chance and we are favourite, but a lot of favourites do not win."

The unspoken hope is that success today — combined with the outstanding start to the season, which has seen 13 winners from just 30 runners and a strike-rate of more than 40 per cent — will attract new horses into the yard. If the numbers swelled from 35 to 45, that would boost annual turnover at Uplands to £400,000 and the for sale sign could be removed.

Brooks started at Uplands as a stable boy in 1981, quickly became assistant trainer and effectively took over in 1987 after Fred Winter was badly hurt in a fall. Brooks supervised the 1988 Champion Hurdle success of Celtic Shot and, a year later, he bought the yard from the Winters. A dream start saw a stream of winners then Brooks was hit, through no fault of his own, by a double blow.

No sooner had the recession finished off the disproportionate number of young owners attracted by his slightly irreverent, cheeky-chappy style, than a virus struck with a vengeance. Most of his horses during the past two seasons were too sick to run, let alone come near to troubling the racecourse judge. Winners became the exception rather than the rule.

Fewer horses and less success was not the ideal combination required to service a thumping mortgage taken out at the height of the property market. The nadir in his fortunes came midway through last season when he had no choice but to put the yard up for sale. "My bank manager said if I didn't, he would."

The sacrifice appeared to satisfy the racing demons that had cursed Brooks. Black Humour's victory at Aintree last April, under an inspired ride by Graham Bradley, saw the season end on a happier note.

Somehow, Brooks managed to retain his sanity during the bad times. Aged 30, he is intensely competitive and the agony of not being able to compete due to sick horses, let alone win, was not easy.

"There has been plenty of bad humour in the past couple of years. I have probably been able to keep working at the job by having the shoulder of Miriam [Francome] to cry on rather than being a bachelor going home to an empty house. That has made a big difference."

Whatever happens this afternoon, Brooks will train from Uplands for the rest of this season. Win or lose, he is a happier man who deserves to succeed.

He can even laugh about the bad times: "I received a letter from my accountant this morning, telling me I have got no income tax to pay for the last two years." Black humour, indeed.

White Muzzle has ideal conditions

WHITE Muzzle, who will be suited by the fast conditions, carries British hopes in Tokyo tomorrow when he lines up for the £914,180 Japan Cup.

The Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained colt, narrowly defeated in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October, bids to gain handsome compensation for his Japanese owners.

The exploits of the three-year-old, who romped away with the Italian Derby before running Opera House close in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, have earned his young trainer a second bite at a tantalising prize.

Twelve months ago, Chapple-Hyam brought Dr Devious to Tokyo, but his Epsom Derby winner, now at stud in Japan, could finish only tenth. This time he has given his hope more time to acclimatise, sending him to Japan a week ahead of his international rivals.

With fast ground promised, he has a fine chance of turning the tables on France's Urban Sea, the surprise winner of an Arc run in testing conditions.

The Japanese do not believe they have a horse that compares with last year's winner, Tokai Teio, among their team, but the Australian Naturalism, runner-up last year, returns to try and go one better.

The United States fields a powerful trio including the Breeders' Cup Turf winner, Kotashaan.

TOKYO TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

06.20 JAPAN CUP (£973,000: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

1	(1)	21136	RICE SHOWER (H Kuribayashi) Y Ikuta 4-8-13	H Mishoba
2	(2)	14113	WINNING TICKET (Y Ohta) Y Ito 3-8-9	M Shibata
3	(3)	12114	STAR OF COZZENE (Tomosato Farm) M Hannig (USA) 5-8-13	J Santos
4	(4)	11020	PLATINI (Stall Steigenberger) B Schutz (Ger) 4-8-13	M Rimmer
5	(5)	11121	HASHIRO SHOGUN (T Watanabe) K Akama 5-8-13	F Matsuda
6	(6)	13000	MEJIRO PALMER (Mejiro Farm) M Okubo 5-8-13	Y Yamada
7	(7)	11211	KOTASHAAN (Y Souma) R Mandella (USA) 5-8-13	K Desormeaux
8	(8)	42-22	LEGACY WORLD (Horse Tajima Ltd) H Mori 4-8-13	H Koyanagi
9	(9)	51316	THE PHANTOM CHANCE (W Ballin) C Jillings (NZ) 4-8-13	R Vance
10	(10)	51123	LUAZUR (Mitsah bin Abdullah) R Frankel (USA) 4-8-13	G Stevens
11	(11)	23230	NICE NATURE (M Toyoshima) Y Matsunaga 5-8-13	M Matsunaga
12	(12)	52143	NATURALISM (D Dimattina) L Freedman (Aus) 5-8-13	D Oliver
13	(13)	14141	MATIKANETANNHAUSER (M Hosokawa) Y Ito 4-8-13	Y Okabe
14	(14)	52111	URBAN SEA (D Tsui) J Lesbordes (Fr) 4-8-8	E Saint-Martin
15	(15)	11252	WHITE MUZZLE (T Yoshida) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 3-8-9	J Reid
16	(16)	22101	MISIL (I Take) V Caruso (It) 5-8-13	C Asmussen

BETTING: 7-2 Winning Ticket, 4-1 Kotashaan, 5-1 White Muzzle, 6-1 Naturalism, 10-1 Star Of Cozzene, 12-1 Urban Sea, Legacy World, 14-1 The Phantom Chance, Rice Shower, 16-1 Luazur, Misil, 20-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Bangor

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Don't Forget Marie (N Mann, 10-1); 2, Band Sergeant (5-4 fav); 3, Busman (5-1). 10 ran. 1¼l, 10l. A Bailey. Tote: £11.80, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50 DF £8.40. CSF: £21.33.

1.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Jumbeau (P Hide, 11-10 fav); 2, Squires Privilege (8-1). 3, Titus Gold (14-1). 7 ran. 10l, 6l. J Gifford. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £2.70. DF: £9.40. CSF: £9.80.

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Arctic Kinsman (D Bridgwater, 7-4 fav); 2, Gales Cavalier (8-1); 3, Col Buckmore (11-4). 12 ran. 4l, 15l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £8.50. CSF £16.08.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, French Charmer (P Hide, 9-4); 2, Candy Tuft (Evens fav); 3, Snitton Lane (8-1). 5 ran. 3½l, 2l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.30 DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.75.

3.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Mr Flanagan (J Railton, 11-4); 2, Comedy Spy (10-1); 3, Finch's Gem (16-1). Run Up The Flag 11-8 fav. 9 ran 1½l, 12l. C Brooks. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £2.60, £2.10. DF: £13.40. CSF: £26.38.

3.50 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Gray's Elegy (J Railton, 7-4 fav), 2, Johns The Boy (3-1), 3, Brownhall (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Carlingford Bella. 10l, 1½l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.20. Placepot: £22.70.

Southwell

Going: soft (chases): standard (hurdles)

12.40 (2m hdle) 1, Clifton Chase (J A Harris, 11-10 fav); 2, Blazon Of Troy (11-8); 3, Bassio (12-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 5l. J Harris. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.99.

1.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bit Quill (R Dunks, 3-1 fav); 2, Lafanta (5-1); 3, Captain Cute (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Blue Lyzander. 2l, 12l. R Frost. Tote: £2.90, £1.60, £2.80, £2.30 DF: £13.70. CSF: £19.23.

1.40 (2m ch) 1, Stalactor (R Garritty, 11-8 fav), 2, Explosive Speed (11-4); 3, Fluidity (12-1). 5 ran. 25l, 7l. T Tate. Tote: £2.00; £1.60, £1.10 DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.15.

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Court Circular (M Brennan, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Fettle Up (6-1 jt-fav); 3, Have A Nightcap (8-1 jt-fav). Autonomous 6-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 10l, 4l. W Clay. Tote: £5.00; £2.60, £1.50, £3.10. DF: £28.20 Trio: £18.70. CSF: £40.11. Tricast: £208.52.

2.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Stay On Tracks (Mr N King, 3-1), 2, Chancery Buck (11-1), 3, Jimster (6-5 fav). 6 ran. 20l, 2l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £2.60, £1.70, £4.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £26.53.

3.10 (3m hdle) 1, Raba Riba (V Slattery, 4-1); 2, Cosmic Dancer (7-2); 3, Secret Lisson (7-1). Munir 10-11 fav. 6 ran. 21l, dist. J Spearing. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £2.00. DF £5.40. CSF: £17.25.

3.40 (2m flat) 1, Batsy's Island (E Husband, 14-1); 2, Swordking (7-4 fav); 3, Called Spring (7-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 6l. B Preece. Tote: £23.50; £6.00, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £206.30. CSF: £41.83. Placepot: £25.00.

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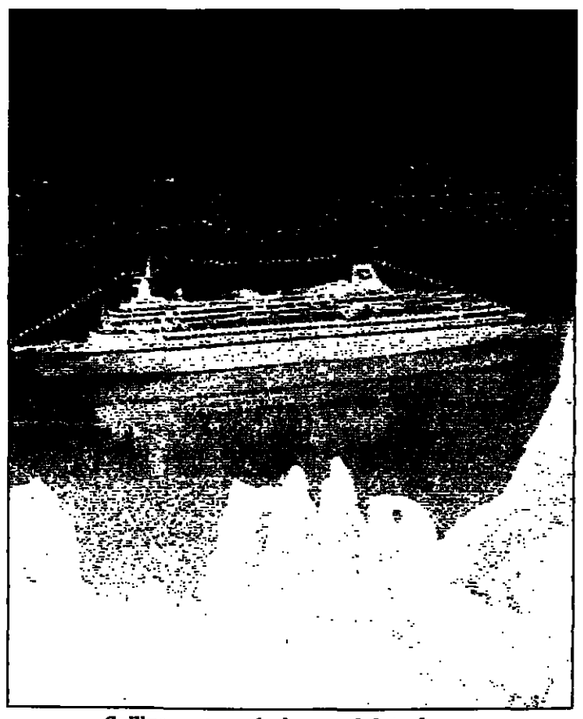
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Alaska has it all: snow-capped mountains, massive glaciers, teeming wildlife, a proud heritage and a pioneer spirit that makes this wilderness land one of the last great frontiers left on earth.

America's 49th state is as far removed spiritually as it is physically from the other 48 continental states, separated from Washington state by the vast expanse of British Columbia with its projecting spine of the Canadian Rockies.

Its isolation allowed the native, predominantly Indian, community to develop a culture and tradition denied other native Americans as technological civilisation spread westwards across the north American continent.

The totem poles crafted by Alaska's Tlingit Indians are considered the definitive version: wander through the park outside Ketchikan, home of the Tlingit, where handcarved poles portray legendary chiefs, mythical birds and even Abraham Lincoln.

Yet Alaska's isolation can make it inhospitable for the leisure traveller, seeking to experience its magnificent scenery and historic culture in just a week or two. Its tourism industry is driven, therefore, by the cruise liners which ply the rugged coastline during May to September before ice and rain close in.

Alaska may not be a sunshine cruise destination but it is spectacular

Sailing from Vancouver in the south to Skagway in the north through the "Inside Passage", a protected waterway flowing between the mainland and dozens of small islands, offers the chance to view a glacial landscape while stopping off to explore the sights inland.

Viewing the glaciers from the sea alone would be worth the price of the voyage. Highlight of most cruise itineraries is the Glacier Bay national monument, 40 miles north-west of Juneau, the state capital, and accessible only by plane or boat. Here is some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery where you may receive the added bonus of watching vast slaps of ice break off from a glacier, sounding like gunshot, and sliding into the bay to create waves which rock your ship.

Travelling northwards towards the port of Anchorage you can study glaciers, like the Hubbard and Columbia, in more depth. As you cruise through Prince William Sound, arriving at College Fjord, you may see and hear several glaciers cascade down a mountain at once.

The most impressive side-trip is a helicopter ride which takes you over and onto a glacier, with special boots provided if you want to step onto the ice. Such tours are not cheap — between $130 and $140 for a one and a half hour flight — but the experience is unforgettable.

The joy of Alaskan cruising is that it offers so many different exploration opportunities from the base of a comfortable ship. If you are fascinated by whales, for example, you can arrange a small-boat excursion to see them close up. Fishing expeditions, hiking and canoeing are also available.

Alaska is not a sunshine cruise holiday but a genuine opportunity to enjoy a very different experience, which explains why Alaskan cruises are among the fastest growing cruise destinations.

DAVID CHURCHILL

TODAY'S FEATURED OPERATOR: ROYAL CRUISE LINE

Royal Cruise Line's Odyssey ships are renowned for their elegance and for their warm, friendly service. Since its creation in 1974, RCL has built a reputation for providing luxury cruise holidays at affordable prices. On board every meal is a celebration with two sittings aboard Golden and Crown Odysseys. The Royal Odyssey and the Star Odyssey maintain a single sitting dining schedule. Films, revues, cabaret entertainment and games of chance complement the dancing available each evening as the Royal Cruise Line ships sails on to the next destination.

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Royal Cruise Line

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Whispering Steel to pass acid test in Hennessy

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

WHISPERING Steel can justify the secret hopes of Gordon Richards that he is a future Cheltenham Gold Cup star by winning the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury today.

Any trainer or owner whose expectations about a horse are raised too high is inviting disappointment, but few handlers today have the experience of Richards in assessing the attributes of a top chaser.

The Greystoke handler, whose jumping academy has produced the likes of Titus Oates, Playlord, Twin Oaks and Hallo Dandy, believes Whispering Steel may have the ability to go to the top — but today provides the key test. "If he doesn't win the Hennessy, he's no Gold Cup horse. It's as simple as that," Richards said yesterday.

"He's never done anything wrong so far, but he has not had the strongest opposition. The horse is happy, he's fit and he's well handicapped. Although he has done a lot of winning over 2½ miles, he'll stay all right.

"Whispering Steel feels and looks like a good horse: you only have to look at him, see him walk and go through his paces. He's a fine stamp of a horse who does things nice and easy. He doesn't get excited and he has a lovely stride."



Richards holds a high opinion of Whispering Steel

After an opening sighter over an inadequate trip, Whispering Steel saw off all opposition in five chases last season. His bold style of jumping, which should hold him in good stead over Newbury's fences, was a notably feature of his success along with a strong finishing burst.

On his reappearance at Ayr, where he was partnered by Lorcan Wyer instead of Neale Doughty, the seven-year-old won in workmanlike fashion despite being far from fully wound up.

Whispering Steel, whose chasing experience has been confined to Haydock, Wetherby and Ayr, makes his first visit south but the track and size of field should suit in a race where lightly-weighted second-season chasers have an excellent record.

In a fascinating race, **Black Humour** and **Zeta's Lad** stand out as the main dangers. Charlie Brooks has Black Humour in top form, but he is a horse with a rather fragile constitution who has tended to give his best when beating inferior opposition.

John Upson has been making bullish noises about Zeta's Lad following an impressive racecourse gallop at Huntingdon on Tuesday, when he appeared to have come on physically since his promising seasonal reappearance behind Royal Athlete at Cheltenham.

With **Rolling Ball** from the out-of-form Martin Pipe stable, Black Humour or, possibly, Whispering Steel likely to ensure a decent gallop, Zeta's Lad will have the race run to suit him.

Although **Cogent** was outpointed decisively by Dublin Flyer here earlier this month, he appeals as a live outsider.

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THUNDERER
12.45 Arabian Bold. 1.20 Rodeo Star. 1.50 Glaisdale. 2.25 Trimlough. 3.00 Dublin Flyer. 3.30 Saint Ciel.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.45 QUINTON HURDLE
(£3,782: 2m) (5 runners)
1 11-2 ARABIAN BOLD 15 (CD,F,G,S) N Henderson 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 410- ISLAND JEWEL 261 (D,S) J Bosley 5-11-0 M Bosley
3 12P- SHU FLY 203 (D,F,G) C Broad 9-11-0 Jacqui Oliver
4 435- UNCLE ERNIE 301 (D,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-9 W Dwan
5 566- WINNIE THE WITCH 189 (CD,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-10-4 D Bridgwater
2-1 Arabian Bold, 5-2 Uncle Ernie, 7-2 Winnie The Witch, 6-1 Shu Fly, 25-1 Island Jewel

1.20 TOWER NOVICES CHASE (£3,860: 2m) (5)
1 64-U MIDNIGHT STORY 31 R Simpson 8-11-5 D Gallagher
2 P5/ PEATY GLEN 830 M Tompkins 8-11-5 R Campbell
3 62-2 RODEO STAR 14 (BF,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-5 D Murphy
4 /3 SHADING 18 (G) Mrs N Macauley 9-11-5 M Brennan
5 34-F SUN SURFER 11 (BF,G,S) T Forster 5-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
4-5 Sun Surfer, 6-4 Rodeo Star, 8-1 Midnight Story, 20-1 Shading, Peaty Glen.

1.50 WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,990: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)
1 336- ONEUPMANSHIP 239 (G,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-12-0 S Fox (7)
2 -433 JEASSU 14 (C,D,F,G,S) A J Wilson 10-11-13 T Jenks (5)
3 4/ ROSITARY 962 (C,F,S) P Winkworth 10-11-12 Mr G Cosgrove (7)
4 12-4 GLAISDALE 17 (S) M Tompkins 4-11-6 D Murphy
5 5/ STAR PLAYER 21F (D,S) R Baker 7-11-0 N Mann
6 24-0 FOX CHAPEL 33 (CD,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 W Dwan
7 13-0 CORACO 17 (S) Mrs T Pitkington 6-10-8 D Bridgwater
8 24-4 SUPER RITCHART 12 (BF,G,S) B Palling 5-10-8 M A Fitzgerald
9 P/P DUKE DE VENDOME 28 (F,G,S) Mrs D Haine 10-10-6 E Murphy
10 -345 STAR QUEST 23 (D,F) J Jenkins 6-10-2 D Gallagher
11 60-0 COME HOME ALONE 15 (B,S) N Gaselee 5-10-0 M Richards
7-2 Jeassu, 9-2 Glaisdale, 6-1 Star Player, 7-1 Oneupmanship, 8-1 Fox Chapel, Super Ritchart, 10-1 Star Quest, 12-1 Coraco, 14-1 others.

2.25 BRANDON HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,468: 2m) (3)
1 3F-1 ALKINOR REX 54 (D,G,S) G Harwood 8-12-0 M Perrett
2 1-13 TRIMLOUGH 24 (D,F,G,S) P Dalton 8-11-9 W Marston
3 -U41 SAILORS LUCK 17 (D,S) P Murphy 8-10-0 E Murphy
6-4 Sailors Luck, 7-4 Alkinor Rex, 2-1 Trimlough.

3.00 TILTYARD BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,134: 3m 2f) (7)
1 21-5 SUPERIOR FINISH 15 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10 B Powell
2 PF2- WINDY WAYS 210 (D,F,G) N Henderson 8-11-1 M A Fitzgerald
3 21-1 DUBLIN FLYER 17 (D,G,S) T Forster 7-10-10 C Llewellyn
4 P-41 LIGHT VENEER 15 (F,G,S) Mrs M Jones 8-10-10 M Perrett
5 -U12 BONSAI BUD 23 (CD,BF,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 10-10-8 D Gallagher
6 222- MOORCROFT BOY 176 (G,S) D Nicholson 8-10-4 W Marston
7 1/6- TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 302 (D,G) A Barrow 8-10-0 N Mann
2-1 Dublin Flyer, 3-1 Light Veneer, 9-2 Superior Finish, 6-1 Windy Ways, 7-1 Bonsai Bud, 10-1 Moorcroft Boy, 50-1 Tagamoun Chaufour

3.30 UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,473: 2m) (19)
1 02/ COME ON DANCER 586 J White 5-11-10 W McFarland
2 034- SIMON JOSEPH 229 T Forster 6-11-10 C Llewellyn
3 1043 GAMEFULL GOLD 12 (G) S Dow 4-11-7 A Dicken (5)
4 -202 JOVIAL MAN 18 G Harwood 4-11-6 M Perrett
5 3321 KELLY'S DARLING 9 (D,F) F Yardley 7-11-5 NON-RUNNER
6 5-13 EMERALD VENTURE 18 (V,G) T Caldwell 6-11-4 Peter Caldwell
7 P-40 BOLD STREET BLUES 28 J Bennett 6-11-3 J Railton
8 000- MORSHOT 309 C Brooks 6-11-3 C Maude
9 040- GOTTA BE JOKING 285 Miss H Knight 5-11-1 M A Fitzgerald
10 -231 SAINT CIEL 17 (S) (D) F Jordan 5-10-13 R Supple
11 1030 SMART DEBUTANTE 30 (F) (D) Mrs P Joynes 4-10-11 Mr S Joynes (7)
12 0/0 ROSEATE LODGE 11 K Burke 7-10-11 D Gallagher
13 366- COOL SOCIETY 180 W Musson 4-10-8 A Bates (5)
14 P5-0 DAMCADA 16 D Wintle 5-10-6 W Marston
15 005- ALDINGTON MILLPOND 257 C Trietline 5-10-2 R Davis (3)
16 PP-0 SOLO CORNET 24 (G,S) P Bradley 8-10-0 W Humphreys
17 -POU ALLIED'S TEAM 14 (V) J Joseph 6-10-0 D Skyrme
18 -004 MR POPPLETON 17 R Brotherton 4-10-0 D Bridgwater
19 -053 PRINCETHORPE 14 B Cambidge 6-10-0 N Mann
5-1 Jovial Man, 6-1 Gotta Be Joking, 7-1 Emerald Venture, Bold Street Blues, 10-1 Saint Ciel, Roseate Lodge, 12-1 Cool Society, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; N Gaselee, 9 from 27, 33.3%; C Brooks, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Henderson, 10 from 47, 21.3%; D Nicholson, 16 from 80, 20.0%; D Murray Smith, 3 from 15, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: T Jenks, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; M Perrett, 4 from 25, 16.0%; D Gallagher, 4 from 30, 13.3%; R Supple, 5 from 39, 12.8%; W Humphreys, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

Blinkered first time
Lingfield Park: 1.25 Rutland Water. 3.25 Leewa, Princess David



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWBURY
BBC1

12.30: Bold Boss is strongly fancied to win next Saturday's William Hill Hurdle at Sandown and it is a slight surprise to see him running here. Martin Pipe thinks the world of this ex George Moore-trained hurdler, who has been working impressively alongside Granville Again, and he can provide the champion trainer with a welcome change of fortune. The main danger is Winter Squall, who should be at his peak following two runs. He finished ahead of Satin Lover at Aintree last season.

1.00: The front-running Sweet Duke will make this a real stamina test which should suit **Triple Witching** admirably. After missing a season, David Nicholson's training skills saw him win at Chepstow in a good time on his reappearance. Today's extra distance should pose no problems. Simpson is better on a right-handed course and Deb's Ball is the one for the forecast.

1.35: see above

NEWCASTLE
C4

1.30: Coulton should oblige bar a fall but he is not yet the most natural jumper of fences and could give favourite backers some anxious moments. Marlingford is the obvious candidate to take advantage of a fall.

2.05: Mark Buckley has ridden both Majed and **Persuasive** to success, but he remains on Linda Perratt's hurdler following a comfortable win at Aintree last Saturday. Seon's victories have come in less exalted company and Sunset And Vine is the main threat.

2.40: This could produce a repeat of last year's race when **Halkopous** saw off Royal Derbi. Although Mark Tompkins's smart hurdler is 6lb worse off and without a run this season, his class and form is superior to his three opponents.

3.10: Simon Dow found an easy opening for Loch Blue at Huntingdon. This looks tougher and **Baltic Brown**, a course and distance winner, appeals ahead of The Motcombe Oak, who should come on for a promising debut 11 days ago.

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Nap: LARGE ACTION
(3.15 Newbury)
Next best: Whispering Steel
(1.35 Newbury)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
12.20 Noble Spirit. 12.50 Wavelet. 1.25 Awesome Power. 1.55 Bold Alex. 2.25 Creche. 2.55 Kissavos. 3.25 Crackling.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.20 BUSACO RIDGE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,579: 7f) (10 runners)
1 00 HORACE HALL 11 J Moore 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) 6
2 00 MILOS 58 T Naughton 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
3 0500 NOBLE SPIRIT 30 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 10
4 5 PROGRESSION 11 P Cole 9-0 T McLaughlin (5) 1
5 0004 SALTCORN 23 C C Elsey 9-0 A Clark 5
6 0450 THORNY BISHOP 64 (B) J Bridger 9-0 S O'Gorman 7
7 000 WORLD TRAVELLER 61 (H) W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 9
8 3022 BILLIE GREY 11 J Scargill 8-9 K Darley 4
9 0 DARK THOUGHTS 23 J Scargill 8-9 J Fanning 3
10 53 KARON BEACH 11 J Hills 8-9 M Hills 8
7-4 Billie Grey, 4-1 Saltcorn, 5-1 Noble Spirit, 7-1 Progression, 8-1 others.

12.50 BUSACO RIDGE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div II. 2-Y-O: £2,556: 7f) (9)
1 06 DOCTOR JAMES 152 J Pitch-Heyes 9-0 J Fanning 2
2 SLOPES T Naughton 9-0 M Hills 3
3 000 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 22 H Collingridge 9-0 J Quinn 9
4 0 TIMELYINTERVENTION 19 M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 8
5 0450 HARLEQUIN WALK 74 G Eden 8-9 G Bardwell 5
6 0 LINDY BELLE 23 T Naughton 8-9 Paul Eddery 1
7 PEARLY RIVER J Scargill 8-9 L Dettori 7
8 2600 SALLY'S TRUST 52 B Meehan 8-9 B Rouse 6
9 63 WAVELET 71 B Hills 8-9 K Darley 4
13-8 Wavelet, 4-1 Lindy Belle, Harlequin Walk, 5-1 Slopes, 7-1 others.

1.25 VITTORIA SELLING STAKES
(£2,637: 1m 2f) (14)
1 0104 CRETOES DANCER 14 (B,CD,G) W Muir 4-9-9 Kim McDonnell 1
2 0400 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 23 (D,G) K Wingrove 6-9-4 P McCabe (5) 10
3 6230 AWESOME POWER 11 (CD,G) J Hills 7-9-4 M Hills 14
4 0000 PERFAY 30J (G,S) D Wilson 5-9-4 L Dettori 13
5 0050 RESOLUTE BAY 26 (F,G) R Whitaker 7-9-4 S Perks 6
6 0630 RUTLAND WATER 66J (B,D,F) J Harris 6-9-4 D Biggs 3
7 0000 VERRO 11 (V,G,S) J Bennett 6-9-4 T Sprake 2
8 0000 WADERS DREAM 23 (E,F) Pat Mitchell 4-9-4 K Darley 11
9 0211 ALWAYS RISKY 22 (G,S) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-0 J Quinn 5
10 15-0 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 171 (C,G) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 9
11 5656 GOODBYE MILLIE 19 (V,F,G,S) S Norton 3-9-0 D Gibbs (7) 4
12 4000 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 33 (B,F) J Bennett 5-8-13 G Bardwell 8
13 0006 KELLY'S KITE 14 (F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-13 C Hawksley (7) 7
14 5000 WALK THAT WALK 14 (G) K Wingrove 4-8-13 R Lappin 12
2-1 Awesome Power, 5-1 Rutland Water, 6-1 Goodbye Millie, 7-1 Resolute Bay, 8-1 Always Risky, 10-1 Cretoes Dancer, 12-1 Fair Enchantress, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: B Hills, 21 winners from 66 runners, 31.8%; J Berry, 15 from 49, 30.6%; P Harris, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Harris, 5 from 21, 23.8%; M Prescott, 17 from 76, 22.4%.
JOCKEYS: K Darley, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; L Dettori, 13 from 41, 31.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 33 from 139, 23.7%; Stephen Davies, 7 from 42, 16.7%; M Hills, 29 from 179, 16.2%; B Rouse, 16 from 118, 13.6%

1.55 ALMARAZ NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,157: 6f) (9)
1 3041 BOLD ALEX 5 (D,G,S) S Norton 9-12 (7ex) D Gibbs (7) 3
2 2240 HE SHALL REIGN 105 J Pitch-Heyes 9-7 J Fanning 2
3 410 YO-CANDO 19 (D,G) D Cosgrove 9-7 L Newton (5) 1
4 5136 THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 11 (B,D,F) W G M Turner 9-4 T Sprake 5
5 1135 SISTER SUSAN 38 (CD,G) R Hannon 9-4 N Carlisle 7
6 0460 MUTINIQUE 17 J Long 9-0 M Hills 9
7 036 BONIFACCIO BANDIT 17 G L Moore 9-0 B Rouse 8
8 0005 RISKIE THINGS 17 (C,F) J Moore 8-4 M Baird (7) 4
9 0000 COURT SERENADE 24 (V) M Muggeridge 7-13 A Mackay 6
11-10 Bold Alex, 7-2 Bonifaccio Bandit, 6-1 Sister Susan, 8-1 Yo-Cando 10-1 Three-Penny Bridge, 12-1 He Shall Reign, 14-1 Mutinique, 16-1 others.

2.25 BADAJOZ HANDICAP (£4,920: 6f) (14)
1 5140 BALLASECRET 99 (C,D,F,G,S) R Dickin 5-10-0 D Meredith (5) 11
2 5000 MASSIBA 11 (D,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-12 D McCabe (5) 8
3 4500 ROCKY WATERS 72 (C,D,F,B) G L Moore 4-9-9 B Rouse 13
4 3103 CRECHE 11 (B,C,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-8 L Dettori 5
5 -540 ST MARTHA 49 (G) M Tompkins 3-9-3 S Mulvey (7) 2
6 2314 SASEEDO 28 (B) W O'Gorman 3-9-3 Emma O'Gorman (3) 7
7 4600 SO RHYTHMICAL 49 (D,F,G,S) G Eden 9-9-2 G Bardwell 4
8 5000 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 23 (D,F,G) R Hannon 3-9-0 M Hills 12
9 0013 EDUCATED PET 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Evans 4-8-12 S Sanders (7) 14
10 3000 SAMSOLOM 21 (C,D,F,G) P Howling 5-8-11 J Quinn 1
11 6013 SIR TASKER 5 (C,F,G) J Harris 5-8-11 D Biggs 3
12 3000 SOBA GUEST 19 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-8-10 L Charnock 10
13 5003 BELLSABANGING 21 (F) D Laing 3-8-10 A Clark 6
14 0013 PHARAOH'S DANCER 19 (D,BF,G,S) M McCormack 6-8-7 D Gibbs (7) 9
9-4 Saseedo, 9-2 Creche, 6-1 Bellsabanging, 8-1 Pharaoh's Dancer, Educated Pet, 14-1 Samsolom, 16-1 So Rhythmical, Massiba, Sir Tasker, 20-1 others.

2.55 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,465: 1m) (12)
1 0030 GUSTAVIA 32 (G) R Armstrong 3-10-0 M Hills 8
2 1221 PENNY BANGER 31 (B,C,G,S) M Johnston 3-9-12 B Rouse 1
3 1256 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 23 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Spearing 6-9-8 K Darley 12
4 6300 JAHANGIR 5 (D,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 4-9-7 Kim McDonnell 3
5 6030 WAVE HILL 17 (B,D,F,G) P Hedger 4-9-5 Stephen Davies (3) 4
6 0000 ROBBY BARNES 33 (CD,G) D Wilson 4-9-5 M Wigham 7
7 0251 MAID WELCOME 14 (V,C,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-1 L Dettori 6
8 5806 ISLAND KNIGHT 11 (G) M Ryan 4-9-1 P McCabe (5) 11
9 6002 KISSAVOS 17 (C,D,BF,F,G) C C Elsey 7-9-1 D Gibbs (7) 9
10 0000 WAHEM 23 (D,F) C Britain 3-8-13 B Doyle (3) 2
11 0000 PIGALLE WONDER 23 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-11 D Biggs 10
12 05-0 LAKE DOMINION 23 P Harris 4-8-9 Paul Eddery 5
4-1 Kissavos, 9-2 Penny Banger, 5-1 Maid Welcome, 6-1 Gustavia, Wahem 10-1 Island Knight, 12-1 Jahangir, Wave Hill, 14-1 Pigalle Wonder, 16-1 others.

3.25 SALAMANCA HANDICAP (£3,365: 1m 5f) (16)
1 0-01 TUDOR ISLAND 25 (G) C Brittain 4-9-12 B Doyle (3) 15
2 3504 LEEWA 14 (B) W Muir 3-9-10 Kim McDonnell 2
3 -406 MODI 88 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-9 K Darley 1
4 4456 LARA'S BABY 7J (G) P Evans 5-9-9 S Sanders (7) 13
5 0000 PROTON 19 P Howling 3-9-8 L Carter (7) 3
6 0000 PRINCESS DAVID 19 (B) N Wright 3-8-12 G Bardwell 10
7 1020 RAGTIME SONG 14 (C,F,G) A Moore 4-8-12 B Rouse 8
8 000 D SEVEN 182 H Collingridge 3-8-12 C Hawksley (7) 14
9 0671 NIGHT EDITION 19 (E,C,G,S) S Dow 3-8-11 D Biggs 16
10 6848 TOUCHING TIMES 17 (D,F,S) R Rowe 5-8-8 J Quinn 5
11 4640 HEAD TURNER 14 (D,G,S) C Wildman 5-8-7 Paul Eddery 11
12 0635 MILNGAVIE 14 (BF,F,S) M Johnston 3-8-6 L Dettori 6
13 6056 OOZLEM 14 (B) R Flower 4-8-5 A Tucker 12
14 1503 CRACKLING 17 (G,S) D Marks 4-8-5 M Hills 9
15 0200 BOXBOY 53 K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-12 L Charnock 4
16 0000 EVERY ONE A GEM 98 (BF,F) M Dixon 6-7-12 A Clark 7
4-1 Night Edition, 9-2 Tudor Island, 11-2 Leewa, Crackling, 10-1 Proton, 11-1 Touching Times, Head Turner, 12-1 Milngavie, Oozlem, 16-1 others.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
12.00 DUBACILLA (nap) 12.30 Satin Lover 1.00 Sweet Duke 1.35 Whispering Steel 2.10 Wonder Man 2.45 Fantus 3.15 Large Action

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD
103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD SIS

The Jacky Upton Handicap Chase, due to be run at Newbury yesterday, has been carried forward to today's meeting

12.00 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,542: 2m 4f) (9 runners)
101 0/22112- ANOTHER CORAL 301 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 10-12-0 A Maguire 93
102 2330F2- COOL GROUND 220 (G,S) (Whitcombe Manor) D Elsworth 11-11-8 P Holley 94
103 2FU35-3 KINGS FOUNTAIN 37 (D,BF,F,G,S) (E Banks) K Bailey 10-11-8 J Osborne 93
104 1111-FP FLASHTHECASH 15 (D,BF,F,S) (Dr G Madan) C Bolong 7-10-10 D Murphy 90
105 1513-12 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 14 (B,F,S) (G Webb) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-7 R Dunwoody 94
106 1221-1U GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steel) P Hobbs 11-10-7 C Maude 96
107 410F2-5 MR ENTERTAINER 36 (CD F,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 10-10-5 C Llewellyn 90
108 U1211-2 DUBACILLA 17 (G,S) (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-10-1 D Gallagher ⓑ
109 2/1403-F WHATEVER YOU LIKE 21 (C,G,S) (J F F Racing) P Nicholls 9-10-0 NON-RUNNER —
Long handicap: Whatever You Like 9-13
BETTING: 5-2 Egypt Mill Prince 4-1 Dubacilla, 6-1 Another Coral Flashthecash Guiburn's Nephew, 8-1 others.
1992: PARSONS GREEN 8-11-1 R Dunwoody (11-8 fav) N Henderson 4 ran

12.30 BONUSPRINT GERRY FEILDEN HURDLE — BBC1
(Grade II: £10,760: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)
201 1512-3 AMAZON EXPRESS 15 (D,G) (Mrs J Moss) R Akehurst 4-11-6 J Osborne 91
202 1215-02 WINTER SQUALL 17 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-6 A Maguire 96
203 111012- BOLD BOSS 208 (D,G,S) (J Robson) M Pipe 4-11-2 R Dunwoody ⓑ
204 1130-32 SATIN LOVER 21 (D,BF,G,S) (D Hall) N Tinkler 5-11-2 G McCourt 96
205 453-015 MIDDLE MARKER 14 (CD,G) (Miss M O'Donnell) W Clay 4 11-0 — 86
BETTING: 5-4 Bold Boss, 9-4 Winter Squall, 5-1 Satin Lover, 13-2 Amazon Express, 16-1 Middle Marker
1992: MIGHTY MOGUL 5-11-3 R Dunwoody (11-8 fav) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
AMAZON EXPRESS 8½l 3rd of 5 to Staunch Friend in hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). WINTER SQUALL ¾l 2nd of 7 to Castle Courageous in hurdle here (2m 5f, good). BOLD BOSS 1l 2nd of 5 to Thinking Twice in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to firm). SATIN LOVER 8l 2nd of 8 to Batabanoo in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good). MIDDLE MARKER beat Native Chieftan 1l in 10-runner hurdle over course and distance (good) on penultimate start.
Selection: WINTER SQUALL

1.00 AKZO LONG DISTANCE HURDLE — BBC1
(Grade II: £11,000: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)
301 5110-22 SWEET DUKE 8 (D,G,S) (A Mavrou) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 C Llewellyn ⓑ
302 2305-33 BURGOYNE 14 (G) (P Savill) M H Easterby 7-11-4 R Dunwoody 94
303 45042-0 HOLY JOE 11 (F,S) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 11-11-0 J Osborne 82
304 25/321-1 PEATSWOOD 10 (G,S) (P Taplin) M Channon 5-11-0 Lorna Vincent 78
305 114/12-2 SIMPSON 12 (CD,F,G,S) (M Jarvis) J Old 8-11-0 T Grantham 87
306 13434/1 TRIPLE WITCHING 21 (CD,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 7-11-0 A Maguire 97
307 4011-37 DEB'S BALL 28 (F,G,S) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 7-10-13 D J Moffatt 97
308 221241- LORNA-GAIL 322 (D,G,S) (H Perry) R Alner 7-10-9 S Earle 80
BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Duke, 5-2 Burgoyne, 4-1 Triple Witching, 6-1 Deb's Ball, 12-1 Simpson, 14-1 others.
1992: TYRONE BRIDGE 6-11-0 R Dunwoody (6-1) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
SWEET DUKE 3½l 2nd of 6 to King Credo in grade II Coopers & Lybrand Ascot Hurdle (2m 4f, good). BURGOYNE distance 3rd of 6 to Sillars Stalker in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, soft). HOLY JOE 7l 2nd of 7 to King's Shilling in handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. PEATSWOOD beat Wings Of Freedom 1½l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good). SIMPSON 4l 2nd of 6 to Cultured in hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). TRIPLE WITCHING beat Awro Anson 3l in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good). DEB'S BALL beat SWEET DUKE (4lb better off) 2l in 6-runner grade II Tote West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f, good) with BURGOYNE (4lb better off) 6l 3rd. LORNA-GAIL beat Always In Trouble neck in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Leopardstown (3m, yielding).
Selection: SWEET DUKE

1.35 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE — BBC1
(Grade III: £35,152: 3m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)
401 43F0-51 ROYAL ATHLETE 14 (D,F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-10 J Osborne 96
402 11113-5 ZETA'S LAD 14 (D,F,G,S) (A Cohen) J Upson 10-11-4 R Supple 90
403 34305-3 ROMANY KING 42 (C,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) G Balding 9-11-0 Richard Guest 90
404 121F1-1 BLACK HUMOUR 42 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) C Brooks 9-11-0 G Bradley 90
405 05303-2 CAHERVILLAHOW 33 (G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) M Morris (Ire) 9-11-0 A Maguire 88
406 062-234 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (B,D,BF,G,S) (Autolour Eng) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-13 B Powell 90
407 1112F-2 COGENT 17 (C,F,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 9-10-8 D Fortt (7) 86
408 11111-1 WHISPERING STEEL 14 (G,S) (J Gillow) G Richards 7-10-3 N Doughty ⓑ
409 1011/1/ ROLLING BALL 728 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 10-10-3 R Dunwoody —
410 F2582-2 MERRY MASTER 28 (F,G,S) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 9-10-0 Gee Armytage 97
Long handicap: Merry Master 9-12
BETTING: 11-4 Black Humour, 4-1 Rolling Ball, Whispering Steel, 6-1 Cahervillahow, Zeta's Lad, 7-1 Royal Athlete, 16-1 others.
1992: SIBTON ABBEY 7-10-0 A Maguire (40-1) F Murphy 13 ran

FORM FOCUS
ROYAL ATHLETE beat Whats The Crack 3l in 8-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 3f 110yd, soft) with GARRISON SAVANNAH 5l 4th and ZETA'S LAD 8l 5th. ZETA'S LAD 5¼l 3rd of 27 to Ebony Jane in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (3m 5f, soft) on penultimate start with ROYAL ATHLETE mid-division when fell 5th. BLACK HUMOUR beat Sibton Abbey distance in 5-runner handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good) with ROMANY KING (6lb better off) 25l 3rd. CAHERVILLAHOW ½l 2nd of 7 to Bishops Hall in handicap chase at Leopardstown (2m 5f, good to yielding). COGENT 25l 2nd of 7 to Dublin Flyer in handicap chase here (3m, good). WHISPERING STEEL beat Kushbaloo 2½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good). ROLLING BALL beat Esha Ness 2½l in 20-runner grade I Sun Alliance Novice Chase at Cheltenham (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start in March '91. MERRY MASTER 6l 2nd of 6 to Mr Boston in handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good).
Selection: BLACK HUMOUR (nap)

2.10 NORTH STREET HANDICAP CHASE (£5,725: 2m 1f) (5 runners)
501 212233- KATABATIC 220 (F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 10-12-0 S McNeill 97
502 111222- WONDER MAN 256 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 8-11-5 A Maguire 97
503 6U4P-22 YOUNG SNUGFIT 15 (F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-11-2 J Osborne ⓑ
504 211-226 SPACE FAIR 14 (C,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 10-10-13 L Harvey 96
505 132-4U3 BOUTZDAROFF 11 (D,F,G) (Robinson Publications) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-10-4 M Dwyer 97
BETTING: Evens Wonder Man, 5-2 Katabatic, 5-1 Young Snugfit, 8-1 Space Fair, 14-1 Boutzdaroff
1992: HOWE STREET 9-10-11 A Orkney (7-4) J Johnson 3 ran

2.45 FULKE WALWYN CHASE (£5,803: 2m 4f) (7 runners)
601 04653-4 FANTUS 17 (G) (Hunt & Co (Bournemouth) Ltd) P Nicholls 6-11-0 G Bradley 89
602 116/4- LOS BUCCANEROS 234 (F,G) (L Wilson) S Christian 10-11-0 G Upton 75
603 526/24 POPPETS PET 10 (D Line) J Mullins 6-11-0 S Earle 81
604 5P3-332 SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 8 (S) (Mrs D Laing) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0 J Osborne ⓑ
605 54P/2-P6 WELSH COMMANDER 4 (F,G) (J Judd) T Etherington 10-11-0 G McCourt 85
606 5/21214- KIWI VELOCITY 245 (G,S) (A Stoddart) P Hobbs 6-10-9 M Hourigan —
607 3F4-P63 PAPER STAR 23 (Gallery Racing) M Muggeridge 6-10-9 Richard Guest 68
BETTING: 7-4 Spirit Of Kibris, 5-2 Fantus, 4-1 Los Buccaneros, 6-1 Poppets Pet, 8-1 Kiwi Velocity, 33-1 others.
1992: COGENT 8-11-0 S McNeill (6-1) A Turnell 8 ran

3.15 SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE (£4,435: 2m 110yd) (19 runners)
1 845-112 FATACK 11 (D,G) (J Barnett) Miss J Doyle 4-11-6 S Curran (5) 75
2 0/2522-1 TEXAN TYCOON 28 (D,G) (L Randall) R Akehurst 5-11-6 G McCourt 91
3 0 ALTERMEERA 11 (B) (R Simmons) Mrs B Waring 5-11-0 G Morgan —
4 53341- BARNA BOY 229 (S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 5-11-0 R Dunwoody —
5 3055- BOOK OF MUSIC 259 (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 5-11-0 D Murphy 86
6 220- BRANDON PRINCE 101F (R Michaelson) I Balding 5-11-0 J Frost 98
7 2- BRAVE HIGHLANDER 229 (S Embiricos) J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide (3) 76
8 60-52 DUNDEE PRINCE 25 (Dandelion Distribution Ltd) K Bailey 5-11-0 A Thornton (3) 84
9 00 EMBLEY BUOY 15 (S Mullins) J Mullins 5-11-0 S Earle —
10 P/ EXECUTION ONLY 444F (J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 5-11-0 S Burrough —
11 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 21F (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 4-11-0 A Maguire —
12 42300-0 IVOR'S FLUTTER 28 (W Perry) D Elsworth 4-11-0 P Holley ⓑ
13 101-2 LARGE ACTION 28 (B,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne 94
14 LORD GLENVARA 98F (Mrs J Akehurst) J Akehurst 5-11-0 L Harvey —
15 6/0343/ MEADOW COTTAGE 623 (A Isley) J Gifford 7-11-0 J J Brown (7) —
16 5/0 ORUJO 43 (M Watt) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 R Marley —
17 0 RAFTERS 16 (M Carver) J Bradley 4-11-0 R Farrant (5) —
18 0- SOUND REVEILLE 208 (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 5-11-0 G Bradley —
19 03P-P0 MY BOOKS ARE BEST 14 (R Stone) R Stone 4-10-9 Leesa Long —
BETTING: 3-1 Book Of Music, 4-1 Brandon Prince, 11-2 Large Action, 13-2 Texan Tycoon, 8-1 Fatack, 10-1 Flight Lieutenant, 12-1 Brave Highlander, 14-1 Dundee Prince, 16-1 others.
1992: DREAMERS DELIGHT 6-11-6 R Dunwoody (9-2 fav) D Nicholson 18 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	6	15	40.0	R Dunwoody	45	175	25.7
R Hannon	4	13	30.8	P Holley	12	55	21.8
M Pipe	24	90	26.7	J Osborne	29	137	21.2
O Sherwood	20	84	23.8	J Frost	13	75	17.3
N Henderson	26	118	22.0	C Llewellyn	9	54	16.7
D Nicholson	19	88	21.6	G McCourt	10	62	16.1

Setback for Montelado

THE Champion Hurdle favourite, Montelado, trained in Ireland by Pat Flynn, has damaged a leg and his immediate plans have been put on hold. Already twice a Cheltenham festival winner, Montelado has a swollen foreleg after a gallop in preparation for his intended return in the Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown after Christmas.

"Montelado's training programme is on hold until our vet reassesses the injury," said Flynn. "At the moment, the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown in January is in serious doubt and we would have to advise anyone thinking of an antepost bet to hold on to their money."

As a result, Ladbrokes have taken him out of their Champion Hurdle list, and now bet: 7-2 Vintage Crop, 7-1 Granville Again, 10-1 Carobee, Tiananmen Square, Spinning, 12-1 bar.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
12.30 Mhemeanles 12.55 Armagret 1.30 Coulton 2.05 Highbrook 2.40 Halkopous 3.10 Baltic Brown 3.40 Bells Hill Lad

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 SEON.

GOING: SOFT (PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION 7AM) SIS

12.30 COMEDY OF ERRORS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,999: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)
1 341 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 14 (D,S) (Travellers T Time Club) N Tinkler 11-4 E Husband (7) 98
2 301 ROSCOMMON JOE 18 (S) (Mrs C Sweeney) J J O'Neill 11-4 P Niven 83
3 4 DAYADAN 10 (K Jones) B Ellison 10-12 T Reed 78
4 5 MALAWI 45 (R Bothell) B Rothwell 10-12 B Storey 76
5 4U MHEMEANLES 11 (L Ford) M H Easterby 10-12 L Wyer 93
6 32 O SO NEET 8 (BF) (Rosico Ltd) M Tompkins 10-12 S Smith Eccles ⓑ
7 5F REBEL KING 14 (M Barnes) M Barnes 10-12 A Dobbin —
8 SOPHIE'S BOY 456F (J Pinder) M H Easterby 10-12 R Garritty —
9 F WEAVER GEORGE 31 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 10-12 A Merrigan —
10 20 MISTROY 56 (BF) (P Hill) M Hammond 10-7 C Grant 87
11 QUEEN OF THE QUORN 36F (Lord Crawshaw) G Moore 10-7 N Bentley (3) —
BETTING: 5-2 Mhemeanles, 7-2 Hyde's Happy Hour, 9-2 Roscommon Joe, 6-1 O So Neet, 10-1 Dayadan, 12-1 Malawi, Mistroy, 14-1 Queen Of The Quorn, 20-1 others
1992: GAVEKO 10-5 G Tormey (6-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 13 ran

12.55 DOUGLAS SMITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,392: 2m 4f) (5 runners)
1 352-220 ARMAGRET 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilkinson) B Wilkinson 8-12-0 D Byrne ⓑ
2 12112-5 ANTONIN 35 (BF,F,G,S) (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 5-11-9 J Burke (5) 94
3 2/3P2-31 CARBISDALE 35 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-8 P Niven 95
4 U2U4-35 FUNNY OLD GAME 14 (D,S) (D McCune) D McCune 6-10-0 K Johnson 84
5 34-5562 MOSS BEE 22 (F) (S Burn) W Reed 6-10-0 T Reed 73
Long handicap: Funny Old Game 9-0, Moss Bee 8-5
BETTING: 7-4 Carbisdale, 9-4 Armagret, 3-1 Antonin, 16-1 Moss Bee, Funny Old Game.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.30 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER — C4
(Novices chase: £3,785: 2m 4f) (9 runners)
1 10-1U11 COULTON 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Shiel) M W Easterby 6-11-13 L Wyer ⓑ
2 3F3-125 DOWN THE ROAD 31 (BF,F) (R Crake) J Johnson 6-11-9 A Orkney 81
3 2224-R2 ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 28 (F,G) (B Hathaway) P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 K Johnson 86
4 50/1660- BIG MAC 367 (F) (I Davies) M Hammond 6-11-5 C Grant —
5 0940-22 MARLINGFORD 8 (G,S) (Miss J Sexton) Mrs J Jordan 6-11-5 D Morris 93
6 0-63502 MONAUGHTY MAN 11 (Mrs K Woodhead) E Caine 7-11-5 P Williams (5) 64
7 334221/ MR OPTIMISTIC 435F (G,S) (Orion Racing) J J O'Neill 6-11-5 P Niven —
8 20033-6 TIMANFAYA 19 (Mrs D Cullum) W Reed 6-11-5 T Reed —
9 0S6/P-0F SUPER SANDY 21 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-11-0 B Storey —
BETTING: 2-5 Coulton 9-2 Arthur's Minstrel, 7-1 Marlingford, 10-1 Down The Road, 14-1 Mr Optimistic, 16-1 Big Mac, 20-1 others
1992: PINK GIN 5-11-8 P Niven (8-11 fav) M Hammond 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
COULTON beat Keep Sharp 15l in a 3-runner novice chase at Aintree (2m 4f, good). DOWN THE ROAD 8l 2nd of 6 to Veleda II in a novice chase at Carlisle (3m, good) on penultimate start. ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 10l 2nd of 7 to Brackenfield in a novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). MARLINGFORD ¾l 2nd of 8 to Beachy Head in a novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good). MONAUGHTY MAN 6l 2nd of 5 to Lo Stregone in a novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good to soft). MR OPTIMISTIC beat Furry Baby 8l in a 6-runner novice handicap hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f, good to soft)
Selection: COULTON

2.05 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE — C4
(£7,375: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)
1 112212- MAJED 21F (D,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-11 P Niven 92
2 14-2251 PERSUASIVE 7 (D,G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 6-11-8 Mr M Buckley (5) 92
3 12- HIGHBROOK 21F (D,G) (N Cook) M Tompkins 5-11-2 L Wyer 88
4 1311/01 SUNSET AND VINE 28 (D,G,S) (Sunset & Vine Plc) S Dow 6-10-12 H Davies 86
5 48-6015 SEON 21 (CD,F,G,S) (C Hunter Ltd) W Bentley 7-10-6 N Bentley (5) ⓑ
6 11P200- GREY POWER 21F (F,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-2 R Hodge 89
7 440141 KALKO 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Walker) A Harrison 4-10-0 J Supple (5) 89
8 11/13/4 DUAL IMAGE 16 (D,F,G,S) (Datum Supplies Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-0 F Leahy (7) 80
9 002-43F RINGLAND 42 (D,G) (R Moffat) T Cuthbert 5-10-0 B Storey 85
Long handicap: Kalko 9-8, Dual Image 9-6, Ringland 9-0.
BETTING: 11-4 Majed, 7-2 Highbrook, 4-1 Sunset And Vine, 6-1 Persuasive, 7-1 Seon, 12-1 Dual Image, 14-1 Grey Power, 25-1 Kalko, 50-1 Ringland.
1992: AVRO ANSON 4-11-10 D Byrne (8-11 fav) M Camacho 4 ran

FORM FOCUS
MAJED ¾l 2nd of 14 to Dancing Paddy in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy). PERSUASIVE beat Nikitas 5l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). HIGHBROOK 2l 2nd of 7 to Lemon's Mill in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good). SUNSET AND VINE beat Change The Act 1l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). SEON 18l 5th of 8 to Batabanoo in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). KALKO beat Port In A Storm 3l in 11-runner selling hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). DUAL IMAGE 12l 4th of 7 to Toogood To Be True in handicap hurdle at Kelso (3m 2f, good).
Selection: PERSUASIVE

2.40 BELLWAY HOMES FIGHTING FIFTH HURDLE — C4
(Grade II: £16,100: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)
1 22/1103- HALKOPOUS 29F (CD,F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 7-11-8 S Smith Eccles 96
2 0425-24 ROYAL DERBI 12 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-11-8 C Grant ⓑ
3 111123 BEAUCADEAU 21 (D,F,G) (T Barnes) M Barnes 7-11-0 A Dobbin 83
4 F/5F23-1 MORCELI 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Corbett) J Johnson 5-11-0 A Orkney 85
BETTING: 4-7 Halkopous, 3-1 Royal Derbi, 10-1 Beaucadeau, 12-1 Morceli
1992: HALKOPOUS 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles (7-4 jt-fav) M Tompkins 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
ROYAL DERBI 14½l 4th of 6 to Cultured in a hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). Earlier 1l 2nd of 18 to Granville Again in grade I Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) with HALKOPOUS 2½l 3rd. BEAUCADEAU 8¼l 3rd of 8 to Batabanoo in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). MORCELI beat Southolt 12l in a 17-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to soft).
Selection: ROYAL DERBI

3.10 LADBROKE HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£7,570: 3m) (10 runners)
1 23512-2 SHOON WIND 21 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (Frickley Holdings Ltd) M Hammond 10-11-13 C Grant 92
2 P11F-04 PLENTY CRACK 16 (D,G,S) (B Mactaggart) B Mactaggart 10-11-12 A Merrigan ⓑ
3 /3115-4 RIFLE RANGE 14 (D,G,S) (C Murphy) J J O'Neill 10-11-9 L Wyer 87
4 110/FP-1 LOCH BLUE 15 (D,G,S) (S Dow) S Dow 11-10-9 H Davies 90
5 0/13253- ASKINFARNEY 285 (S) (A Cohen) J Upson 8-10-6 Mr T Byrne (5) 89
6 P51P1P- CAROUSEL ROCKET 198 (D,F,G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 10-10-6 D Bentley (5) 91
7 431-251 ZAM BEE 19 (C,F,G,S) (J Anthony) W Reed 7-10-6 T Reed 94
8 46-2143 BALTIC BROWN 16 (CD,G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-10-3 Gary Lyons 93
9 1/5 THE MOTCOMBE OAK 11 (BF,S) (J Brownrigg) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-1 P Niven —
10 34U33-0 LUPY MINSTREL 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 8-10-0 B Storey 94
BETTING: 4-1 The Motcombe Oak, 9-2 Baltic Brown, 6-1 Shoon Wind, 7-1 Rifle Range, Loch Blue, 8-1 Zam Bee, 12-1 Askinfarney, Plenty Crack, 16-1 others.
1992: SHOON WIND 9-11-10 P Niven (6-4 fav) M Hammond 5 ran

FORM FOCUS
SHOON WIND 1½l 2nd of 5 to Mister Ed in a handicap chase here (3m 6f, good). RIFLE RANGE 34l 4th of 5 to Whispering Steel in a handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good). LOCH BLUE beat Duo Drom 1l in a 9-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). CAROUSEL ROCKET beat Funny Old Game 2½l in a 15-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (3m, good) on penultimate start. ZAM BEE beat Buddy Holly ¾l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (3m 2f, good to firm). BALTIC BROWN 2¼l 3rd of 5 to Wheat Fettle in a handicap chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) with PLENTY CRACK (3lb better off) 15l 4th.
THE MOTCOMBE OAK beat Ole Ole 20l in a 7-runner amateur riders' maiden hunter chase at Carlisle (3m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: SHOON WIND

3.40 NIXONS KITCHENS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,532: 3m) (16 runners)
1 23-3331 FARMER'S CROSS 18 (G,S) (P Farrell) P Beaumont 9-11-10 Mrs A Farrell 87
2 3353-P1 SWEET NOBLE 11 (S) (Bezwell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-10 F Leahy (7) 98
3 003-226 KILMINFOYLE 24 (BF) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 P Niven 85
4 30-32 MAJORITY MAJOR 16 (J Stephenson) P Cheesbrough 4-11-3 K Johnson 98
5 66-3 LAUGHING GAS 15 (A Cohen) J Upson 4-11-2 Mr T Byrne (5) 87
6 543-004 NAWRIK 10 (Mrs J Paulheuer) L Lungo 4-10-13 T Reed 93
7 0305-65 BELLS HILL LAD 15 (Mrs K Collins) J Barclay 6-10-10 S Smith Eccles 85
8 3650-06 RALLYING CRY 16 (M Boyd) R Allan 5-10-6 B Storey 95
9 538348 SUPPOSIN 16 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 5-10-4 R Wilkinson (7) ⓑ
10 P/030-04 MALVERN MADAM 14 (A Toulson) Mrs S Smith 6-10-4 Gary Lyons 94
11 00-04 JUKE BOX BILLY 16 (T Patterson) J Johnson 5-10-4 A Larnach (3) 92
12 F-426U2 MAUREEN'S FANCY 11 (Miss B Cooney) J Parkes 8-10-3 N Smith 93
13 /006/0 HUNTING COUNTRY 11 (D Alan Harrison) J O'Neill 9-10-3 B Harding (7) —
14 0/000-0 DENTICULATA 22 (P Spottiswood) P Spottiswood 5-10-2 F Perratt (7) 80
15 /00/00-5 MANWELL 22 (B Temple) B Temple 6-10-1 D Bentley (5) 93
16 0U05/0 OUXALL CROSSETT 11 (Mrs Karen Woodhead) E Caine 8-10-0 P Williams (5) —
BETTING: 9-2 Sweet Noble, 11-2 Kilminfoyle, 6-1 Majority Major, 7-1 Maureen's Fancy, 8-1 Farmer's Cross, 10-1 Juke Box Billy, 12-1 Laughing Gas, 14-1 Bells Hills Lad, 15-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Moore	16	53	30.2	S Smith Eccles	3	8	37.5
M W Easterby	9	33	27.3	Mrs A Farrell	3	9	33.3
C Parker	3	11	27.3	N Bentley	7	26	26.9
P Cheesbrough	3	11	27.3	D Byrne	10	38	26.3
Mrs M Reveley	14	65	21.5	C Grant	35	145	24.1
M H Easterby	13	65	20.0	P Niven	20	109	18.3

A PRECAUTIONARY inspection will be held at Newcastle at 7am to assess prospects for today's meeting. A course spokesman said yesterday: "There is still a bit of snow on the track but, in the light of the weather forecast, prospects are good."

There will also be a 2pm inspection at Kelso tomorrow for Monday's card. Jonnie Fenwicke-Clennell, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "There is still a light covering of snow and the ground is frozen in places. We need a thaw if we are to race."

RACING NEXT WEEK
MONDAY: Lingfield Park, Kelso, Worcester.
TUESDAY. Fontwell Park, Leicester, Newcastle.
WEDNESDAY: Southwell, Catterick Bridge, Huntingdon.
THURSDAY: Lingfield Park, Uttoxeter, Windsor.
FRIDAY: Exeter, Hereford, Nottingham, Sandown Park.
SATURDAY: Chepstow, Sandown Park, Towcester, Wetherby.
Flat meetings in bold

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Shamirani, Thriving, Native Scot, Sea Cadet.

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US confident league will flourish after circus leaves town



Rothenberg: happy

The sceptics continue to say it cannot work, that it will not happen. Alan Rothenberg, president of the United States organisers of the World Cup finals, is confident it can and will. Next month, he will reveal details of the new professional league that will be propagated by the finals.

Sure, the sceptics chorus goes, the finals will draw temporary big crowds because the ethnic Euro-American groups, Italians, Germans, Irish and others will come out of the woodwork along with the Mexicans and, when the circus leaves town, they will disappear again and United States football will lapse back into anonymity beneath a traditional preoccupation with domestic American baseball and American football. The difference now is that there is a new adult ethnic group enthusiastic for soccer. Americans.

"The growth over 15 years has been phenomenal," Rothenberg, a Los Angeles lawyer in Century City who was the football commissioner at the 1984 Olympic Games, said. "There is now a generation [of Americans] who played the game who are parents. That's totally different from when the NASL [National American Soccer League] started and even to some extent when it folded in the early Eighties. The NASL *did* depend on the curiosity of Euro-Americans in the likes of Cruyff, Beckenbauer, Marsh and others."

Today, a survey by the sports goods manufacturers association estimates there are 16 million active players in the country and a spectator-interest band, including players' families, of about 60 million. The potential audience commercial capacity to support a professional league unquestionably now exists.

On December 4 in Chicago, the United States Soccer Federation (US Soccer) will finalise its proposals to be put to Fifa on December 17 in Las Vegas, following the draw for the finals: a 12-city league for the 1995 season, April to September, that will later climb to 16 clubs.

"It is important not to be too ambitious too soon, the way the NASL was," Rothenberg, who was involved with the Aztecs during the brief spell of Cruyff, said. "That grew from eight to 24 teams in three years or so. Now, I'm confident that we can guarantee the television exposure that will generate the necessary public interest and sponsorship backing.



David Miller is in Los Angeles finding out how Americans are preparing for second-coming in professional football

For the 1994 finals, there are 30 leading sponsors of the tournament and the American team. Of these, several, such as Coca-Cola and Anheuser-Busch, are already committed to support of the projected league and a secondary group, involved in soccer for the first time, such as McDonald's and General Motors, regard the experience as beneficial and, according to Rothenberg, are "very receptive to extending their support". The remainder are in the World Cup for a one-shot deal.

A key to both the "national-awareness" success of the finals and the projected league is the agreement by American television not to interupt the 45-minute continuity of normal soccer, which killed the widely-rumoured intention by Fifa to introduce the "four-quarter" match.

With the finances of the World Cup secured by television/sponsorship deals outside America, US Soccer was concerned in the sale of American television rights to gain exposure more than cash. An ABC/ESPN consortium bought the rights for a relatively modest, approximate £17 million with standard 30-second advertising slots before and after the match and during half-time.

"During the matches, we gave them three alternatives for ads during play," Rothenberg said. "Either temporarily reducing the action screen within an outer frame carrying advertising, or a moving "crawler" across the bottom, or an elapsed time clock in the bottom corner surrounded by the advertisers logo. They chose the latter. We weren't looking for money but exposure [of soccer] and we have achieved that."

At the draw ceremony, the group placing and match venues will be determined arbitrarily by Rothenberg, together with Guillermo Canedo, the vice-president of Fifa from Mexico, on stage immediately the group draw has been made. Of the six seeded teams — United States, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Brazil and Belgium — only the Americans (twice in Los Angeles, once in Detroit) and Germany (twice in Chicago, once in Dallas) have fixed first-round venues as respective hosts and holders.

What Rothenberg would self-evidently wish is to align European, South American and Asian teams in cities with large ethnic followings: for instance, Italy in New Jersey adjacent to New York, Ireland in Boston, South Korea in Los Angeles and Brazil, for geographical proximity, in Florida.

Yet since there has to be separation of the two north-central American finalists, the United States and Mexico, whatever group contains Mexico cannot be in Los Angeles. The next best for Mexican supporters would be northern California (Palo Alto in San Francisco) where there are also many Italian-Americans, which would be suitable if Mexico and Italy are together, allowing the group containing Greece to be in New Jersey. And so on. The permutations are many and the venue draw will be determined basically by the group draw.

What is sure is that, with almost two thirds of the 3.6 million tickets already sold and the unsold portion being easily disposable in the later matches, the tournament is likely to be a sell-out.

Trautmann keeps alive memory of City slickers

BY PETER BALL

IN NOVEMBER 1953, Hungary inflicted the worst defeat England have suffered on their own soil, winning 6-3 and starting an orgy of soul searching about the state of English football. Almost 40 years on, Holland ended England's World Cup hopes to produce another round of recriminations.

One interested spectator on both occasions was Bert Trautmann, one of the greatest goalkeepers in the game's history and a man who played his part in the only serious English attempt to accommodate the Hungarians' tactics as well as learning from their superior techniques.

Trautmann, who returned to Manchester this week to mark his seventieth birthday, attend a charity dinner and spend a day signing copies of his biography (*Trautmann*, by Keith Rowlands, Breedon Books), was one of the great romantic figures of football in the post-war era. A German prisoner of war, he stayed in England and became one of the country's most-admired sportsmen, the first goalkeeper and the first foreign player to be voted footballer of the year.

> 'Managers had no idea about tactics then, but we players talked about the game and the Revie plan came out of watching Hidegkuti'

He won that award the week before he broke his neck in the 1956 FA Cup final, diving at the feet of the Birmingham City forward, Peter Murphy, 17 minutes from time. Trautmann was knocked unconscious. Revived by smelling salts, he was in great pain. "He was reeling around the goalmouth like a drunk," Roy Paul, the City captain, recalled.

But in the days before substitutes, Trautmann insisted on staying on. After the game, still in pain, he attended the banquet celebrating City's 3-1 victory, before going to St George's Hospital for an X-ray. That showed nothing and it took a visit to Manchester Royal Infirmary, four days after the final, and another set of X-rays, to reveal the truth.

"You should be dead," Professor David Lloyd Griffiths, the orthopaedic surgeon, told Trautmann. The second vertebra in his neck had cracked in two.

Trautmann returned to the City team in December and continued playing for another eight years, devoting his athleticism and huge, safe hands to keeping a series of poor Manchester City teams afloat and revelling in the hurly-burly of the goalkeeper's lot in those unprotected days.

"Against Trevor Ford or Nat Lofthouse you were prepared for the physical contact and it was fun," he said. "There was the odd niggly forward, but you just gave him one back."

Behind the romantic figure is a sharp mind and he harbours few illusions about the team he played for. City approaching the heights only briefly in his 15 years with the club: "Managers had no idea about tactics then, but we players talked about the game and the Revie plan came out of watching Hidegkuti."

City, with Don Revie as a deep-lying centre forward, for a brief period in the mid-Fifties offered a rare example of English footballers digesting continental practices. "English football needs more skill, more intelligence and it needs leaders, personalities," Trautmann said. "You have to have the water carriers, but you need three or four to lead, to guide."

Unfortunately, when they do exist, they tend to be ignored, as Glenn Hoddle remarked this week. It is not a new phenomenon, as Trautmann could tell him.

In 1966, the German FA, knowing Trautmann's popularity in England, decided to appoint him as their liaison officer for the World Cup. The English FA had already appointed one of its legion of schoolmasters.

The German FA insisted; the FA resisted. Impasse. Finally the FA played its trump card. "But do you realise this man is a professional?" Denis Follows, the FA secretary, asked his German opposite number.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Back in Manchester this week, Trautmann with a reminder of his days with City



Trautmann, extreme right, with his team-mates after winning the FA Cup in 1956

Coventry await Cantona bundle of tricks

BY KEITH PIKE

STATISTICS do not always do justice to genius, but when Eric Cantona steps out at Highfield Road this afternoon, Coventry City's supporters know the likelihood is that their team will be swept away on a tide of French flicks and flamboyance.

It is 12 months to the day since Cantona continued his nomadic football existence with a move across the Pennines from Leeds United and, while a year in the provinces with Manchester United has done nothing to spoil Cantona's image as one of the sport's great entertainers, the records show that his productivity is equally impressive.

When Cantona's self-proclaimed love affair with Leeds ended in divorce and tears on the terraces at Elland Road, Manchester United were eighth in the Premier League, nine points behind Norwich City and without a win in seven games. Goals were like gold dust.

Since then, United's league record reads: P41, W30, D8, L3. They have scored 82 times — Cantona's contribution standing at 14, with numerous assists — won an overdue championship and now stand 12 points clear of Blackburn Rovers.

"He has given us a new dimension," Alex Ferguson, their manager, said yesterday. "He is playing marvellously well again and has completely confounded the critics who said he was trouble."

One of Cantona's goals came in the 5-0 mauling of Coventry at Old Trafford last December and Phil Neal, the newly-installed manager of the Midlands side, readily acknowledged his side's task: "They gave us a footballing lesson that day," he said. "Cantona is one intelligent beast of a footballer, but we have some special players here too, like Peter Ndlovu and Roy Wegerle, so it could be an exciting encounter."

□ Bristol City, the first division club, has been fined £40,000 by the Football Association and ordered to pay £8,000 costs over claims made to the Football Trust in respect of ground improvements at Ashton Gate. Leslie Kew, the club's former chairman and an FA councillor, has been suspended from all football activities for nine months from December 10, and ordered to pay £2,000 costs.

Newcastle's hearts quietly won over by goals of Cole

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ON TYNESIDE, the magpie becomes the people's hero through the regularity with which he steals goals in crowded penalty boxes. Andy Cole, who came up from the south half a year ago, is responding to the challenge of wearing the Newcastle United No 9 shirt in style: his 34 goals in 29 games make him as big a goal thief as any in the Magpies' history.

Twice this week, Cole has heard the roar of 36,000 in St James' Park, the people finding the money from somewhere, and he found four more goals for his tally. It is the essence of Geordie sport: a centre forward getting goals out of nothing and the crowd worshipping him.

Watching him from the new Milburn Stand, which is named after one of Newcastle's greatest centre forwards, one senses the return to times when the shipyards and the pits resounded to the deeds of the No 9. Jackie Milburn died without seeing two of his dearest wishes: a genuine successor in his own image and a time when the Newcastle crowd and the players were again a unit. He would have loved young Cole.

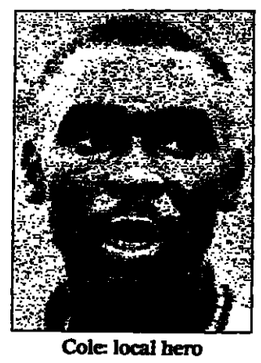
Cole is similar to Milburn in stature, slender and swift, and, as Milburn did, he defies defensive responses to his acceleration. Cole has what Milburn had — a clean, quick, unfussy knack of putting the ball in the net before opponents even sniff the danger.

In footballing terms, Cole needs to stay another decade to be Milburn's equal. In human terms, he has already begun a new dimension. Cole is black, Newcastle's first black star. In his present form, he is doing more than any campaign to tackle the racism that has lingered among Newcastle United supporters. Before Sunday's game against Liverpool, Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, gave an address over the public system: "It is a firm commitment of this board to stamp out racist chanting. I make no bones about it, anyone apprehended will be banned for life."

Laudable, but quickly forgotten. Cole had scored three times in the first half, feeding off the cunning and vision of Peter Beardsley. This instinct to surprise constantly, even when all around know who you are and what you do, is a gift that Cole, just 22, shares with the great finishers of modern times.

Yet he has felt lonely in Newcastle, so lonely that a month ago there was a fear that he would be sold to return south to the friends and family he has in London. At the hint of it, 2,500 Geordies tramped to the training ground in Durham just to let him know that there was affection for him.

Temperament is the lingering doubt over Cole. In action, there is no question that he has the coolness of nerve, the ability to transmit ideas from the brain to the feet in a detached manner while panic reigns around him. But Arsenal had rejected him after an apprenticeship that lasted one senior game and it was to Bristol City that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, paid £1.7 million last spring. By also paying £1.2 million for the 32-year-old Beardsley, Keegan added fear to a chairman trying to whittle down the £6 million debt at the club. Yet, the affinity for these signings was such that even before the kick-off for the new season, more than £4 million-worth of replica shirts had provided some of the finance for their deeds.



Cole: local hero

Nobody has yet dubbed Cole "Wor Andy", but his strike rate, more than a goal every game, is double that which produced 178 goals in 354 League games from 1946 to 1957 for "Wor Jackie" Milburn. When they buried Milburn five winters ago, more than 20,000 people lined the streets. Some of us can hear his thoughts: "I hated being parted from it. Give any man the No 9 shirt, let him score goals for Newcastle, and the people will love him."

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Hendry's big breaks leave Parrott on century duty

By Phil Yates

STEPHEN Hendry produced the finest sustained spell of break-building snooker has seen yesterday as he opened a 7-1 lead over John Parrott in their best-of-17-frame semi-final in the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship at Preston.

Hendry broke two records and equalled two others as he took a significant step towards a title he won for the first time in 1989 and successfully defended the year after. The Scot accepted that, even by his own exalted standards, it was the best session he had ever played.

During an afternoon in which statisticians were forced to consult then re-consult the record books, Hendry compiled five century breaks, four in five frames, and aggregated 799 points in the session against Parrott's 106.

The world champion looked sharp in the first frame when he made a 107 break, but he missed a tricky black when 49-1 ahead in the second and Parrott, the subject of a £10,000 bet to repeat his 1991 UK championship triumph before the match, eventually levelled at 1-1 with a clearance from yellow to pink.

It was then that Hendry embarked on an unparalleled sequence of breaks and scoring, during which he monopolised table time. Hendry constructed breaks of 114, in the third frame, 109, in the fourth, and 123, in the fifth. It was only the eighth time that century breaks have been scored in three successive frames and the first time that a player has achieved that particular feat on two separate occasions.

The sequence of century breaks ended when Hendry, on a run of 44 in the sixth frame, missed a red to a middle pocket. Nevertheless, he still won the frame 101-0 by finishing off with a break of 53.

At that point, Hendry had, from the start of his 114 break in the third frame, aggregated 447 points without his opponent potting a ball. That beat his own ranking tournament record of 353 points without reply, set against Paul McPhillips in the second round of last year's Mercantile Classic. It also improved the 405 unanswered points set by Ronnie O'Sullivan against Peter Francisco in the last 32 of the Benson & Hedges championship only three weeks ago as a record for professional competition.

Four century breaks in five frames had only been done once before, by Peter Ebdon during a qualifying round victory over Alan McManus in last year's European Open.

Having scaled such numerical heights, it would have been easy for Hendry to lose concentration. Indeed, Parrott did interrupt his flow of points by leading 16-0 in the seventh frame, but Hendry soon had his side of the scoreboard ticking over again with a 72 break for 6-1 from little more than a half-chance.

Hendry closed the session as he had begun, with a century break, this time of 111.

ERIC WHITEHEAD



Hendry, the world champion, monopolises table time at Preston yesterday

He was left requiring only two of today's remaining nine frames to secure a place in the final against O'Sullivan or Darren Morgan.

Breaking with tradition by speaking to the press in the middle of a match, Hendry said: "I should have made six centuries, not five, but obviously I'm happy with that. It's the best session I've ever played."

It was memorable for all concerned, particularly for the customer of William Hill, the bookmakers, who had placed that enormous wager on Parrott.

Hendry's overall performance, technical excellence and unbridled confidence would strike fear into the hearts of most potential opponents, but should O'Sullivan, aged 17, justify favouritism against Morgan in the other semi-final, his own self-belief, unshakable as it is after victories over Alan McManus, Ken Doherty and Steve Davis in the previous rounds, could make for a classic final.

Lull allows Tokio to reduce gap on Intrum

By Barry Pickthall

CHRIS Dickson and his Tokio crew yesterday took advantage of a lull in the Roaring Forties to recover much of the distance they lost earlier this week to Lawrie Smith's leading 60ft yacht, Intrum Justitia. At the midway point of the 7,500-mile second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, Tokio trailed by only 14 miles.

"We've been caught in light winds," Smith said yesterday before another front was due to lash the fleet overnight. Javier de la Gandara's Spanish entry, Galicia '93, which had been running in third place, close to Tokio, also fell back when her spinnaker pole broke. The damage cost the crew two places, as first Ross Fields's Yamaha and then Winston, the American entry, skippered by Brad Butterworth, slipped ahead.

Field and his crew, who have discovered that some of their food is contaminated and may soon face rationing, also suffered damage when a sail blew out: "We had it repaired within two hours. We've got it down to a fine art and didn't lose too many miles," Field said.

The first yachts, led by Grant Dalton's maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, are expected to round Prince Edward Island in the Indian Ocean tomorrow and reach Fremantle, Australia, on December 10.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle, Australia) Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 3,902 miles; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swiss), 3,978; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 4,056; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 4,667. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 3,970; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 3,984; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 4,006; 4, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 4,356; 5, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 4,019; 6, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 4,119; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 4,166; 8, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 4,425; 9, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 4,537; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 4,667.
□ Information provided by BT.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Officials admit error in lifting Ngugi ban

KENYAN athletics officials have admitted that they erred in lifting a ban on John Ngugi, the five-times world cross country champion, who was suspended after refusing an out-of-competition random dope test in February. Ngugi was due to have his appeal heard in Monte Carlo last week, but the Kenyan association withdrew their case at the eleventh hour.

In a letter to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) said: "The KAAA admits that its decision to lift the ban on Ngugi based on exceptional circumstances was without basis and is null and void. John Ngugi refused to submit to a doping control after being requested to do so by the responsible official . . . he was liable to sanction."

However, the association reiterated it would support him if he appeals against his four-year ban. Ngugi, angered at the association's refusal to fight his case in Monte Carlo, has said that he intends to continue with a personal appeal.

Wachter extends lead

SKIING: Anita Wachter, of Austria, stole the thunder from her great rival, Carole Merle, of France, in the Alpine World Cup giant slalom race at Santa Caterina Valfurva, Italy, yesterday. Merle, the giant slalom world champion, led narrowly after the first run, but Wachter, the overall women's World Cup title-holder, produced a faultless second leg to add the Italian race to her victory in the opening event at Soelden in Austria last month. Merle could only finish fourth.

Vrenni Schneider, of Switzerland, celebrating her 29th birthday, came closest to Wachter's combined time of 2min 17.31sec. Schneider, the 1992-3 slalom champion, was second in 2:18.09 and Ulrike Maier, of Austria, third in 2:18.44.

Cup to stay in Asia

CRICKET: David Richards, the chief executive officer of the International Cricket Council (ICC), said yesterday that there are no plans to take the 1996 World Cup away from Asia, despite a dispute over television rights. He said that the competition will stay with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka "unless something drastic happens". Richards said that the wrangle over television rights for the Hero Cup, going on at present, was a "domestic problem", and added that the ICC had "no role to play" in it. He was also confident that the suspension of cricketing relations between India and Pakistan would not affect the World Cup.

Douce defends title

CYCLING: Steve Douce, Britain's professional cyclo-cross champion, defends his Greater London Open title at Addington Hills, Croydon, tomorrow. Roger Hammond, last year's world junior champion, has opted to race in Belgium rather than lead Britain's amateur squad, but Douce still faces some high-quality opposition among the 110-strong entry. The Raleigh team will be out in force, led by David Baker, while Belgium have brought in Ron Assez. Peter Stevenson, the national amateur champion, whose base is in Belgium, is not named for either of the two home squads and rides for Middridge RT, his British club.

Faldo eyes challenge

GOLF: Nick Faldo will play in the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, next week. Faldo had expressed doubt about his participation in Sun City during the Volvo Masters in Spain earlier this month, when he was suffering from sore wrists throughout the tournament, but Julie White, of the International Management Group, said yesterday that Faldo, who is on holiday in Mauritius, planned to fly to Sun City next week and intends to play. "He hasn't hit a ball in three weeks, but he is going there hoping all is well and aiming to play," White said.

Male falls to Snow

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, the British No 1, displayed his best form to reach the final of the George Wimpey British Open championship with a remarkable straight-sets victory over his great rival, the world rackets champion, James Male. Snow made only three unforced errors during his 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 victory, keeping Male under constant pressure. Snow's outstanding form bodes well for him in the final against Robert Fahey, the brilliant young Australian, on Sunday. Snow will be attempting to retain his title and deny Fahey the chance of the grand slam.

Teddington renew title chase

By Sydney Friskin

TEDDINGTON must win their home match tomorrow against Old Loughtonians to renew their challenge for the Pizza Express national hockey league title. Apart from Riley's absence because of injury, Teddington have no fitness problems.

Old Loughtonians, with an unbeaten record, will be without Ashton in defence and Gladman in attack, while Hector is also unavailable, as he has gone abroad with the Scottish indoor team.

Stourport, who beat Teddington 2-0 last week, are expecting maximum points from Bournville in the match at Birmingham University, which is to be televised.

"We did well to break away and score when we were not in control," Richard Lee, the Stourport captain said of the previous game, at the same time expressing concern over the damaged finger of Richard Jones, whose place at centre back may be taken by the New Zealander, Guy Edlin. Watson will replace the injured Tattershaw at half back.

Cannock, in fourth position and only three points behind the leaders, Southgate and Hounslow, are still struggling to overcome injury problems for the home match against Canterbury.

Kalbir Takagr, under treatment for back strain, is unlikely to play again until after Christmas. Allen and Boardman are out of action with fractured hands, but Thomas, who was unavailable last week, returns at centre half.

The two German schoolboys, Renaldo Pöppel and Philipp Crone, are available for St Albans this week, but, because of a work commitment, Halliday may not play in the home match against Reading, who put four goals past Slough last week without reply, when Osborn scored twice.

The much-travelled Welton, from Hull, visit Hounslow, who are at full strength with the return of Gordon to their attack and ought to maintain their position, but Southgate can expect to be severely tested at home by Indian Gymkhana.

Guildford are making the long trip to Brooklands, hoping for more goals from Jennings, who has already scored 14 this season. However, Surbiton seem unlikely to be toppled from their position as second division leaders when they entertain Sheffield.

Bleak future for Wimbledon

By Alix Ramsay

WIMBLEDON is not far from Slough on the map, but in terms of the distance between the premier and first divisions of the women's national hockey league, the gulf between the two towns and their clubs is vast.

On Saturday, Wimbledon will take on Doncaster in the hope of increasing their lead at the top of the first division and moving one step closer to promotion and life back among the elite. Wimbledon have always been hanging on by their fingernails in the upper reaches of the national league. Last year, in the restructuring of the league, they lost the struggle and found themselves adrift — too good for much of the first division but not quite good enough for the premier.

Now with only eight teams in each of the three divisions, there is little to separate the leading clubs, drawing them further away from the rest. Wimbledon still have players experienced in playing against the top internationals, but how long they can keep them depends on whether they win promotion.

Ann Baker, the Wimbledon manager, thinks the future looks bleak: "Last year, we felt we were improving by playing against the better sides," she said. "This year, without those teams in our division we feel we cannot learn any more."

Baker is concerned that more players will be willing to risk a season on the substitutes' bench at the bigger clubs rather than play the lower divisions.

Sue Slocombe, the England, Great Britain and Clifton coach, said: "In the premier division, it is so tight that teams cannot afford to take risks. As an international coach, that pleases me because players can't take risks in international games, but it does mean teams can't experiment and they are using rolling substitutions less and less."

Giving young players the chance to experience top-level competition is difficult for the lower-ranked clubs as most of the leading players play in the premier division. The only chance the first and second division teams have to play their illustrious colleagues is in friendlies but they are usually scheduled during England and Great Britain training weekends when the internationals are away on duty at Bisham Abbey.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Newcastle
Coventry v Manchester United (all ticket)
Ipswich v Blackburn
Leeds v Swindon
Manchester City v Sheffield Weds
Oldham v Norwich
QPR v Tottenham (all ticket)
Sheffield Utd v Chelsea
Wimbledon v Everton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	16	13	2	1	33	13	41
Blackburn	16	8	5	3	22	15	29
A Villa	16	8	5	3	18	13	29
Newcastle	16	8	4	4	31	15	28
Norwich	15	7	6	2	24	14	27
Leeds	16	7	6	3	26	19	27
Arsenal	16	7	6	3	15	8	27
QPR	16	8	2	6	28	22	26
Liverpool	15	7	2	6	22	15	23
Tottenham	16	5	6	5	21	17	21
Wimbledon	16	5	6	5	18	23	21
Coventry	16	4	8	4	17	19	20
Everton	16	6	2	8	18	22	20
West Ham	16	5	5	6	11	16	20
Ipswich	16	4	6	6	15	22	18
Sheff Wed	16	3	8	5	24	24	17
Man City	16	3	7	6	15	17	16
Chelsea	16	3	5	8	15	18	14
Soton	16	4	2	10	18	26	14
Sheff Utd	16	2	6	8	17	28	12
Oldham	16	2	5	9	10	27	11
Swindon	16	1	6	9	14	35	9

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Barnsley v Bolton
Birmingham v Tranmere
Derby v Southend
Leicester v Wolverhampton (all ticket)
Luton v Stoke
Middlesbrough v Charlton P
Millwall v Grimsby
Peterborough v Bristol City
Sunderland v Nottingham Forest
West Brom v Portsmouth

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	18	10	5	3	24	14	35
Tranmere	18	9	4	5	26	21	31
C Palace	16	9	3	4	31	18	30
Southend	17	9	3	5	31	21	30
Derby	17	9	2	6	28	27	29
Leicester	16	9	2	5	25	15	29
Portsmouth	17	7	7	3	28	23	28
Stoke	17	8	3	6	25	25	27
Millwall	18	7	6	5	24	25	27
Bristol C	18	7	5	6	23	21	26
Wolves	17	5	8	4	27	19	23
Middlesbro	17	6	5	6	25	20	23
Nottm F	17	6	5	6	25	23	23
Bolton	17	6	4	7	23	24	22
Grimsby	17	4	8	5	22	20	20
Notts Co	17	6	2	9	22	29	20
Birmingham	17	5	5	7	19	24	20
Watford	16	5	4	7	23	30	19
Oxford	17	5	4	8	23	31	19
Luton	17	5	2	10	17	24	17
Sunderland	17	5	2	10	16	27	17
West Brom	16	4	4	8	24	29	16
Barnsley	18	4	3	11	22	36	15
Peterboro	18	3	6	7	15	22	15

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris Town v Felixstowe Town, Cornard Utd v Lowestoft Town, Haverhill Rovers v Sudbury Wanderers; Soham Town Rangers v Tiptree Utd, Stowmarket Town v March Town Utd, Wisbech Town v Halstead Town; Wroxham v Newmarket Town.

Second division

Barnet v Rotherham
Bristol Rovers v Cambridge Utd
Burnley v Exeter
Cardiff v Bradford
Fulham v Swansea
Huddersfield v Brentford
Hull v Stockport
Leyton Orient v Blackpool
Plymouth v Hartlepool
Port Vale v Brighton
Reading v Bournemouth
Wrexham v York

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	17	11	4	2	40	21	37
Stockport	17	11	3	3	33	15	36
Bristol R	17	9	4	4	23	16	31
Blackpool	17	9	3	5	33	25	30
Hull	17	9	3	5	32	27	30
Burnley	17	9	2	6	29	21	29
Plymouth	17	8	4	5	33	25	28
Port Vale	16	8	4	4	29	19	28
Bradford	17	7	3	7	29	28	24
Exeter	17	6	6	5	28	31	24
Brentford	17	6	6	5	18	15	24
Wrexham	17	6	5	6	27	28	23
Camb Utd	17	6	5	6	24	25	23
Swansea	17	6	5	6	20	23	23
Bournemouth	15	6	5	4	18	15	23
L Orient	17	6	4	7	20	26	22
York	17	6	3	8	20	20	21
Rotherham	17	4	6	7	22	29	18
Huddersfield	17	4	5	8	16	24	17
Cardiff	16	3	7	6	25	30	16
Hartlepool	17	4	4	9	15	21	16
Brighton	17	3	6	8	15	26	15
Fulham	17	3	3	11	16	27	12
Barnet	17	1	2	14	14	40	5

Third division

Bury v Darlington
Colchester v Carlisle
Crewe v Chester
Hereford v Doncaster
Lincoln v Gillingham
Mansfield v Walsall
Northampton v Chesterfield
Preston v Wycombe
Scarborough v Torquay
Scunthorpe v Rochdale
Wigan v Shrewsbury

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	16	11	2	3	39	24	35
Crewe	16	9	4	3	32	21	31
Chester	16	9	2	5	27	15	29
Walsall	16	8	5	3	22	14	29
Wycombe	16	7	7	2	28	21	28
Doncaster	16	8	2	6	19	18	26
Rochdale	16	7	4	5	27	16	25
Scunthorpe	16	6	6	4	23	12	24
Shrewsbury	16	6	5	5	23	22	23
Lincoln	16	6	4	6	24	29	22
Chesterfield	16	7	1	8	21	27	22
Mansfield	16	6	4	6	20	27	22
Torquay	16	4	9	3	27	26	21
Gillingham	16	5	6	5	20	20	21
Colchester	16	6	2	8	31	39	20
Bury	16	5	4	7	23	26	19
Carlisle	16	4	7	5	20	16	19
Scarboro	16	5	2	9	18	27	17
Wigan	16	4	4	8	23	30	16
Hereford	16	3	3	10	25	39	12
Darlington	16	2	5	9	18	25	11
Northampton	16	2	4	10	16	32	10

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg Town v Eccleshill Utd, Denaby Utd v Armthorpe Welfare; Glasshoughton Welfare v Ossett Town; Hucknall Town v Ashfield Utd; Liversedge v Lincoln Utd; Maltby MW v Belper Town; Ossett Albion v Pontefract Col, Pickering Town v Sheffield; Stocksbridge PS v North Ferriby Utd, Thackley v Winterton Rangers.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Gateshead
Bromsgrove v Merthyr
Dag and Red v Northwich
Dover v Bath
Slough v Kettering
Southport v Yeovil
Stafford v Stalybridge
Telford v Runcorn
Welling v Macclesfield
Woking v Kidderminster

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v Hibernian
Celtic v Raith
Dundee v Dundee Utd
Hearts v Motherwell
Partick v Rangers
St Johnstone v Kilmarnock

First division

Airdrie v Clydebank
Brechin v Clyde P
Dumbarton v Morton
Dunfermline v Ayr
Hamilton v Stirling
St Mirren v Falkirk

Second division

Alloa v Forfar
Arbroath v Albion
East Fife v Montrose
East Stirling v Cowdenbeath
Queen of the South v Meadowbank
Queen's Park v Berwick
Stenhousemuir v Stranraer

Northern Premier League

Premier division

Fleetwood v Horwich
Marine v Winsford
Morecambe v Boston

OTHER MATCHES: Buxton v Whitley Bay, Gainsborough v Knowsley Utd First division: Caernarfon Town v Lancaster City; Congleton Town v Farsley Celtic, Great Harwood Town v Ashton Utd; Radcliffe Borough v Mossley; Warrington Town v Eastwood Town, Workington v Curzon Ashton; Worksop Town v Bamber Bridge

Beazer Homes League

Premier division

Hastings v Farnborough

OTHER MATCHES: Atherstone v Moor Green, Cambridge City v Gresley Rovers. Midland division: Bridgnorth Town v RC Warwick; Dudley Town v Tamworth, Evesham Utd v Bedworth Utd, Leicester Utd v Clevedon Town; Newport AFC v Forest Green Rovers; Rushden and Diamonds v Stourbridge; Sutton Coldfield Tn v Hinckley Town. Southern division: Ashford Town v Witney Town; Buckingham Town v Sudbury Town, Burnham v Dunstable; Canterbury City v Fareham Town; Fisher 93 v Havant Town; Poole Town v Margate, Tonbridge AFC v Newport, IoW, Weymouth v Bury Town

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Mold, Bangor v Llanelli; Connah's Quay v Aberystwyth, Cwmbran v Conwy; Flint Town Utd v Inter Cardiff, Haverfordwest v Llansantffraid, Holywell v Ebbw Vale, Maesteg Park v Newtown, v Briton Ferry, Ton Pentre v Caersws

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Crusaders; Bangor v Omagh Town, Carrick v Linfield; Cliftonville v Ards; Glenavon v Distillery; Glentoran v Newry; Larne v Ballyclare; Portadown v Coleraine.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Hayes, Bromley v Hitchin, Hendon v Dorking; Molesey v Chesham. First division: Abingdon Town v Croydon, Bognor Regis Town v Ruislip Manor; Boreham Wood v Windsor and Eton; Leyton v Bishops Stortford; Maidenhead Utd v Berkhamsted Town; Uxbridge v Tooting and Mitcham; Whyteleafe v Chalfont St Peter. Second division: Aldershot Town v Aveley; Banstead Athletic v Ware; Collier Row v Newbury Town, Egham Town v Witham Town, Hemel Hempstead v Hampton, Hungerford Town v Tilbury, Leatherhead v Malden Vale, Metropolitan Police v Chertsey Town; Saffron Walden Town v Edgware Town. Third division: Camberley Town v Royston Town; Clapton v Tring Town, Harlow Town v Harefield Utd; Hornchurch v Hertford Town, Kingsbury Town v Epsom and Ewell; Leighton Town v East Thurrock Utd; Northwood v Bracknell Town; Oxford City v Flackwell Heath, Southall v Cove.

FA VASE: Second round replays: Northampton Spencer v Westfields, Eastwood Hanley v Rothwell Town, Raunds Town v Bilston Town

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hebburn v Whitby Town, Newcastle Blue Star v Brandon Utd; Shildon v Eppleton C.W; Tow Law Town v Durham City. Second division: Ashington v Shotton Comrades, Darlington CS v Alnwick Town; Langley Park v Evenwood Town; Peterlee v Whickham; Ryhope CA v Easington; Washington v Prudhoe East End; Willington v Esh Winning.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Harrogate Town v Guiseley, Consett v Billingham Synthonia, Bishop Auckland v Murton, Stockton v Spennymoor Utd, Seaham Red Star v Gretna, Alfreton Town v Bridlington Town, Goole Town v Northallerton Town; Colwyn Bay v Guisborough Town; Hyde Utd v Accrington Stanley; Matlock Town v Blyth Spartans; Dunston FB v Frickley Ath; Barrow v Emley; Enfield v Corby Town; Billericay Town v Yeading; Purfleet v Heybridge Swifts; v VS Rugby v Chelmsford City, Staines Town v St Albans City; Nuneaton Borough v Aylesbury Utd, Wivenhoe Town v Grantham Town; Burton Albion v Halesowen Town, Redditch Utd v Hednesford Town. Leek Town v Stevenage Borough; Wealdstone v Harrow Boro; Erith and Belvedere v Weston-super-Mare, Dulwich Hamlet v Gloucester City; Dorchester Town v Bashley; Sittingbourne v Kingstonian; Worcester City v Crawley Town; Waterlooville v Wokingham Town; Trowbridge Town v Cheltenham Town, Worthing v Carshalton Ath, Gravesend and Northfleet v Marlow.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Salford City; Blackpool Rovers v Nantwich Town, Bootle v Flixton; Bradford Park Avenue v Maine Road, Chadderton v Skelmersdale Utd; Darwen v Glossop North End, Kidsgrove Athletic v Clitheroe; Newcastle Town v Prescot; St Helens Town v Rossendale Utd. Challenge Cup: Second round: Atherton Collieries v Burscough; Maghull v Penrith.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon v Bristol Rovers (11.0).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Bishop Sutton v Frome Town. Premier division: Bideford v Mangotsfield United; Calne Town v Saltash United; Elmore v Minehead; Exmouth Town v Crediton United; Liskeard Athletic v Taunton Town; Odd Down v Torrington; Tiverton Town v Bristol Manor Farm; Westbury United v Paulton Rovers.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham v Arsenal; Gillingham v Southend United; Norwich City v Leyton Orient; Portsmouth v Charlton Athletic; Watford v Ipswich Town. Second division: Bristol City v Brentford; Crystal Palace v Tottenham Hotspur; Reading v Bournemouth; Southampton v Luton Town. League Cup: Second round: Millwall v Chelsea; Oxford United v Tottenham Hotspur.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Billingham Bombers v Durham Wasps; Nottingham Panthers v Norwich/Peterborough Pirates; Sheffield Steelers v Cardiff Devils; Bracknell Bees v Fife Flyers; Basingstoke v Murrayfield Racers. First division: Dumfries v Lee Valley Lions; Blackburn Blackhawks v Solihull Barons; Telford Tigers v Medway Bears; Slough Jets v Guildford; Swindon Wildcats v Paisley Pirates.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship (at Guild Hall, Preston)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

International match

England v New Zealand (at Twickenham, 2.0)

Pilkington Cup

Third round

B'ham/Solihull v Broughton Pk (2.15)
Bradford and Bingley v Fylde (2.15)
Clifton v Bridgwater and Albion
Coventry v Preston Grasshoppers
Havant v Cambridge
Henley v North Walsham (2.30)
Kettering v Stourbridge (2.30)
New Brighton v Winnington Pk (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Plymouth (2.30)
Sheffield v Wharfedale
Sudbury v Basingstoke (2.30)

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Fourth round: London and South-East: Deal Wanderers v Ilford Wanderers; Ditchling v Old Hamptonians; Hayes v Belsize Park, Linton v Woking; London Hospital v Ongar; Old Caterhamians v Battersea Ironsides; Old Palmarians v Bank of England; St Albans v Datchworth; Trojans v STC Footscray; Vigo v Loughton. Midlands: Atherstone v Droitwich, Aylestone St James v Malvern, Edwardian v Old Northamptonians; Kidderminster Carolians v Vauxhall Motors; Ledbury v Oakham, Melton Mowbray v Anstey; Wellingborough Old Grammarians v Erdington. North: Burnage v North Shields; Colne and Nelson v Wensleydale; Halifax Vandals v Old Parkonians; Keswick v Hullensians; Leeds Corinthians v West Leeds, Old Bedians v Aireborough, Wallasey v Birmingham City Officials, Wibsey v Bury. South and South-West: Barton Hill Old Boys v North Petherton; Blandford v Beaconsfield; Bristol Telephones v St Agnes; Dartmouth v Trowbridge; Hucclecote Old Boys v Chesham; Old Public Oaks v Bodmin, Tetbury v Bishopston

Second division

Abertillery v South Wales Police
Ebbw Vale v Treorchy
Glamorgan Wanderers v Tenby Utd
Llandovery v Penarth
Mountain Ash v Maesteg
Narberth v Llanharan

Club matches

Durham Univ v Oxford Univ (2.15)
Gloucester v Sale (2.30)
Harlequins v Moseley (11.15)
Hartlepool Rovers v Aspatria (2.30)
High Wycombe v Walsall (2.30)
Kendal v Tynedale (2.30)
Leeds v Wakefield (2.30)
Lichfield v Derby (2.30)
Met Police v London Irish (11.0)
Middlesbrough v Rotherham (2.15)
Newcastle G'forth v Harrogate (2.30)
Rugby v Orrell
Vale of Lune v Sheffield (2.30)
Widnes v Waterloo (2.30)

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Guildford Kings v Leicester Riders (8.0); Hemel Royals v Worthing Bears (7.30); London Towers v Sunderland Scorpions (7.30); Manchester Giants v Oldham Celtics (7.30)

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Chiltern Fastbreak v Mid Sussex Magic; Guildford Storm v Nottingham Cobras; Leicester Falcons v Stevenage Phoenix; London Elephants v Lewisham Lightning; Swindon Sonics v Liverpool Atac.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barking and Dagenham v Northampton. Second division: London Heat v Guildford; Spelthorne v Plymouth; Sunderland v Leicester; Luton v Doncaster; Cardiff v Harlesden.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Liverpool v Aston Villa (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Notts County v Oxford Utd
Watford v Crystal Palace

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v Dundalk (2.30), Derry City v Shelbourne (3.30); Limerick v St Patrick's Ath (2.30), Shamrock Rovers v Galway Utd (2.30).

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Third round

Blackheath v London Welsh (3.0)

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester Jets v Thames Valley Tigers (6.0), Doncaster Panthers v Birmingham Bullets (7.30).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Chester Cats v Northampton 89'Ers; Ipswich v Brixton Lady Topcats; Birmingham Quality Catz v London Jets, Nottingham Wildcats v Rhondda; South Tyneside v Sheffield Hatters

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton Music City v Sale (1.30); Woolwich Brixton v Wessex (1.0), Dynamo London v Ashcombe Guildford (12.30); KLEA Leeds v Purbrook Portsmouth (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Bradford v Leeds
Castleford v Wakefield (3.30)
Hull Kingston Rovers v Widnes (3.15)
Leigh v Hull
Salford v Featherstone
Sheffield v Warrington (3.15)
Wigan v Oldham

Second division

Dewsbury v Huddersfield (3.30)
Doncaster v Batley
Hunslet v Swinton (3.30)
Keighley v Highfield (3.15)
London Crusaders v Carlisle
Rochdale v Whitehaven
Ryedale York v Barrow (3.15)
Workington v Bramley

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division (2.30): Blackpool v Saddleworth; Chorley v Egremont.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women's second round: Area 1A: Topspin Darlington v Puma Sunderland; Tennis World Middlesbrough v Northumberland. Area 1B: Ilkley v Thongsbridge, Hallamshire Sheffield v Liverpool Indoor. Area 2: Edgbaston Priory v Walthorn Alfreton, Lincoln Indoor v Long Road Cambridge. Area 3: Harpenden v Connaught. Area 4: Deal v Maidstone. Area 5: Royal Berkshire v David Lloyd Finchley. Area 6: Middlesex University v Carlton; Queen's v Surrey County Club. Area 7: Walton Indoor v David Lloyd Eastbourne. Area 8: Alverstoke Gosport v West Hants Bournemouth; Match Point Southampton v Delta Swindon.

SHEFFIELD: European women's team championship.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v Stourport (Birmingham University, 2.30); Bromley v East Grinstead (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 2.0); Cannock v Canterbury (Morris Ground, 2.30); Firebrands v Havant (Longwood, Bristol, 2.0). Hounslow v Welton (Chiswick Boathouse, 2.0); Reading v St Albans (Sonning Lane, 2.0), Southgate v Indian Gymkhana (Broomfield School, 2.0); Teddington v Old Loughtonians (Lensbury Club, 1.0); Trojans v Slough (Stoneham Lane, 1.30). Second division: Barford Tigers v Richmond (Holyhead Leisure Centre, Birmingham, 1.0); Beeston v Harborne (Highfields Nottingham, 2.0), Brooklands v Guildford (The Pavilions, Sale, 1.45); Cambridge City v Edgbaston (Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon, 2.0); Cheltenham v Oxford University (Bournside School SC, 2.0), Isca v Harleston Magpies (Exeter School, 2.0); Neston v Doncaster (Neston RC, 2.0); Surbiton v Sheffield (Sugden Road, 2.30); Warrington v Gloucester City (Broomfields Road, 2.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: West Yorkshire cross-country league (at York).

BOWLS: England Under-25 v Channel Islands (at Portsmouth).

CYCLING: Cyclo-cross: Greater London open championship (24km: at Addington Hills, Croydon, 2.0)

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (at Preston).

Irish inter-provincial championship

Leinster v Ulster (2.30)
Munster v Exiles (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League

First division

Kick-off 2.0

Currie v Heriot's FP
Edinburgh Acads v Kelso
Jed-Forest v West of Scotland
Melrose v Boroughmuir P
Selkirk v Gala
Stirling County v Hawick
Watsonians v Stewart's Mel FP

Second division

Biggar v Clarkston
Dundee HSFP v Haddington
Edinburgh Wndrs v Musselburgh
Glasgow High v Kirkcaldy
Grangemouth v Glasgow Acads
Preston Lodge v Ayr
Wigtownshire v Peebles

Heineken Welsh League

Kick-off 2.30

First division

Aberavon v Cardiff
Bridgend v Cross Keys
Newport v Dunvant
Pontypool v Llanelli
Pontypridd v Neath
Swansea v Newbridge

HOCKEY

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge v Ben Rhydding; Formby v Blackburn, Hightown-Northern v Southport; Timperley v Durham University. York v Norton. Second division: Disley v Bradford; Halifax v Springfields; Harrogate v Wakefield; Liverpool Sefton v Ramgarhia; Oxton v Tynemouth; Sheffield Bankers v Bowdon; Stockton v Swalwell; Wigan v Knutsford.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Chichester v Spencer; City Of Portsmouth v Dulwich; Hendon v Oxford Hawks; High Wycombe v Anchorians, Lyons v Gore Court; Mid Sussex v Hampstead and Wm; Old Walcountians v Fareham; Tulse Hill v Staines, Wimbledon v Old Kingstonians; Winchester v Maidenhead.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Blueharts v Chelmsford, Bury St Edmunds v Bishop's Stortford; Colchester v Westcliff; Crostyx v Pelicans; Dereham v Welwyn Garden City; Ipswich v Redbridge and Ilford; Luton v Bedford; Norwich City v Old Southendian, Peterborough Town v Cambridge University

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Clifton v Ealing; Hightown v Chelmsford; Ipswich v Balsam Leicester; Slough v FP Sutton Coldfield. First division: Blueharts v Trojans; Bradford Swithenbank v Pickwick; Doncaster v Wimbledon, Exmouth v Bracknell. Second division: Canterbury v Great Harwood, Colwall v Olton, Sherwood v Woking; Sunderland Bedans v Harleston Magpies.

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Buxton steps up after Butcher dismissal

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

TERRY Butcher was dismissed as Sunderland manager yesterday morning, two hours before the man who dismissed him, Bob Murray, resigned as chairman.

Mick Buxton, the reserve team coach at Roker Park, has been given the manager's job until the end of the season. Buxton takes charge for the first time at home to Nottingham Forest today.

Sunderland supporters — who threw bricks through the boardroom window after last Saturday's home defeat to Southend — are unlikely to be inspired by Buxton's appointment. He takes over a struggling team two points off the bottom of the first division after six successive defeats.

Although the decision was taken at a board meeting on Wednesday, Butcher, 34, only learned of his fate yesterday when journalists told him as he arrived for training. "I've had a go but it never worked out," the former England captain said.

Last year, Butcher lost his job as Coventry's player-manager after a short spell at Highfield Road and his nine months at Sunderland have been little short of disastrous. After avoiding relegation by one point last May, he spent more than £2 million on five summer signings, but the team has continued to lack shape.

Buxton, 50, played at full back for Burnley and Halifax and has been manager at Huddersfield and Scunthorpe United. His appointment ends speculation linking Graham Taylor, Terry Yorath, Bruce Rioch, Colin Todd and Steve Coppell with the Sunderland job.

Murray, who has a 60 per cent shareholding in the club, will remain as a director. Murray took over the chairmanship in 1986, with the club deep in debt.

His finest moment must have been Sunderland's appearance in the 1992 FA Cup final, though he also presided over the dismissal of four managers: Lawrie McMenemy, Denis Smith, Malcolm Crosby and now Butcher. Murray's ambition of relocating the club to a £70 million stadium at Washington remains, as yet, unfulfilled. The new chairman is expected to be named shortly.



Butcher: dignified

MARC ASPLAND



Bracken, the Bristol scrum half brought in as a late replacement, looks forward to making his debut for England against New Zealand at Twickenham today

Cards stacked against England

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND enter *terra incognita* today: a new Twickenham stand, a new team to play the most demanding opponents the world of rugby union affords — New Zealand. At least they have one element in their favour: they are due a victory this year since they beat the All Blacks in 1973 and 1983.

But the cards are stacked against them. This is a New Zealand team which has reverted to traditional introspective mode for what they see as the focal point of their tour. A win at Twickenham ensures the success of the whole tour and, in all probability, of the selection panel, whose appointments for the coming year will be considered by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council next month.

Everything points to an All Black victory in the Save and Prosper international and, in all probability, an unbeaten tour in consequence. They have the form, the confidence, the proven skills against an England combination disrupted by injury and an inability on the part of too many players in domestic rugby to summon up the commanding form which will be required to win today.

Many of England's players returned from the British Isles tour to New Zealand last July believing that, even if the red-shirted Lions could not win a series, the white shirts of England could. That confidence has been eroded and for the first time in many a day, an England team will play before its own crowd as underdogs.

That, though, is where they may derive their greatest source of inspiration. The biggest Twickenham crowd for a generation will spur them on from the leaping tiers of the new East Stand, which the Scots, with their half-finished stadium, so obviously lacked a week ago.

Earle Kirton, the New Zealand assistant coach, emphasises that as one of the debits for his side, along with the touring team's requirement to raise their game for the second time in eight days: "It's awfully hard to lift players twice in a week, particularly when they have played well and feel self-satisfied," the former stand-off half, who helped New Zealand beat England at Twickenham in 1967, said.

A New Zealander self-satisfied? Listen to Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain: "Everything we have done goes out the window if we lose. They have nothing to lose and we have everything to lose. I'm sure we have to play a lot better than last week and the pressure is very high."

Yet the fact remains that the All Blacks are on a roll. Back in May, they were searching for a team and developed one against the Lions. They refined it against Australia and Western Samoa, only to lose four vital links before beginning the tour — Grant Fox, Michael Jones, John Kirwan and Robin Brooke. The tour itinerary gave them the chance to experiment, to fill the gaps, to reconstruct.

"I think they are the best team in the world at the moment," Geoff Cooke, England's manager, said. Best in terms of results, certainly, best at spotting and taking chances, best at stopping opponents playing. They have conceded 20 penalties per match on the English leg of their tour, testimony to their ability to break up an opposing team's pattern legally and, sometimes, illegally.

The unknown factor is how England will play. The composition of the team suggests a structured game. That will permit Kyran Bracken, the Bristol scrum half, who learned less than 48 hours ago that he was to play, the chance to settle into his first international. Then there is the big back row, the stand-off half kicking for position, the optimism that All Black strengths can be neutralised — the buzz word among the England management is "opposed". England carry more than 12st advantage in the forwards, which can be used to draw the sting from their opponents.

Moreover, all England's players have felt the All Blacks at work. They know, as Dick Best, their coach, tells them, that when they have tackled and tackled, then they will have to get up and tackle some more. But they will also have to be mentally aware, notably at the lineout where their resources must be carefully managed.

The Scots, a week ago, were not and New Zealand swiftly gained an actual and moral ascendency at the lineout. England field two front jumpers and two tall flankers and one of the fascinations will be to see how Nigel Redman, that honest forward, and Martin Johnson conspire to beat the threat posed by Ian Jones and Jamie Joseph. Where will Tim Rodber take up his station and will it affect what the back row tries to do as a unit?

For England need to do more than "oppose" New Zealand at their own game. They must seek the open spaces so that their runners can demonstrate that they are quicker. That, though, is easier said than done with a side coming together for the first time. Yet England's emerging players showed last Tuesday that the ball could be carried to New Zealand.

They would also enjoy putting the squeeze on the All Blacks half backs: "If we can put Marc Ellis under more pressure than Scotland did, then we will see what he is made of," Cooke said. Exciting though the selection of Ellis is, at least it may spare Jonathan Callard the kind of searching examination under the high ball which Grant Fox might have instigated. Ellis prefers to run.

However, Callard remains a vital player on his debut, not only for his all-round footballing skills as a full back but as goalkicker. If the All Blacks are punished for infringements as accurately as Paul Grayson did for the North, they will be less inclined to concede penalties and England may have more ball to run at them.

Callard must kick his goals. Will Matthew Cooper be available to kick them for New Zealand? Eroni Clarke will play centre if Cooper's groin strain rules him out. Wilson will then become first-choice kicker.

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TWICKENHAM TEAMS

ENGLAND		NEW ZEALAND
J Callard (Bath)	15	J K R Timu (Otago)
T Underwood (Leicester)	14	J W Wilson (Otago)
W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt)	13	F E Bunce (North Harbour)
P R de Glanville (Bath)	12	M J A Cooper (Waikato)
R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)	11	V L Tuigamala (Auckland)
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	M C G Ellis (Otago)
K Bracken (Bristol)	9	S Forster (Otago)
J Leonard (Harlequins)	1	C Dowd (Auckland)
B C Moore (Harlequins)	2	S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, capt)
V E Ubogu (Bath)	3	O M Brown (Auckland)
T A K Rodber (Northampton)	6	J W Joseph (Otago)
M O Johnson (Leicester)	4	I D Jones (Northland)
N C Redman (Bath)	5	S B Gordon (Waikato)
B B Clarke (Bath)	7	Z V Brooke (Auckland)
D Richards (Leicester)	8	A R B Pene (Otago)

Referee: F Burger (South Africa)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 I Hunter (Northampton), 17 S Barnes (Bath), 18 M J S Dawson (Northampton), 19 G C Rowntree (Leicester), 20 R G R Dawe (Bath), 21 J P Hall (Bath).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 E Clarke (Auckland), 17 J P Preston (Wellington), 18 B P Larsen (North Harbour), 19 P W Henderson (Southland), 20 M R Allen (Taranaki), 21 N Hewitt (Hawke's Bay).

Mabbutt seeks no redress over injury

BY KEITH PIKE

TOTTENHAM Hotspur football club will take no action over the challenge by John Fashanu that left Gary Mabbutt, their captain and central defender, with head injuries. Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said that the club fully supported Mabbutt's request not to pursue the matter.

Mabbutt was recovering yesterday from an operation on his injuries, sustained after six minutes of Tottenham's FA Carling Premiership match against Wimbledon on Wednesday. Mabbutt, hurt by Fashanu's elbow as they challenged for a header, has had a metal plate inserted above his cheekbone and further surgery to an eye socket.

"I am respecting the wishes of the player and the fact that he wants the matter dropped shows what kind of person he is," Ardiles said. "He has horrific injuries, but after the operation the surgeon was very positive."

Sam Hammam, the owner of Wimbledon, accused Tottenham of "trying to discredit" his club and Fashanu by exaggerating the extent of Mabbutt's injuries. However, Tottenham claimed the player was lucky to retain sight in his right eye.

In a statement, the club added that Mr David James, the surgeon at Princess Grace Hospital who spent more than two hours operating on Mabbutt, used titanium metal and screws to rebuild the floor and side of his eye socket.

The statement added: "Dr Brian Curtin, Tottenham's medical officer for 30 years, and Mr James both confirm that the injury sustained is classified as a fracture of the skull."

John Lyall, the general manager of Ipswich Town, has followed Don Howe's lead by saying he would not be interested in becoming caretaker manager of England while the Football Association seeks a permanent successor to Graham Taylor.

Aston Villa have been fined £20,000 for a breach of FA rules over the signing of Mark Bosnich, their Australia goalkeeper, from Sydney Croatia. The club must also pay £15,000 towards the hearing.

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Mabbutt: recovering

Fitzpatrick to set world record

BY DAVID HANDS

TWICKENHAM today returns to something near the capacity of 72,000 that used to be the norm during the 30 years following the Second World War, before the replacement of the old south terrace with the existing stand. A sell-out crowd of 68,000 will watch England play New Zealand now that the new East Stand has been completed. It is the first time it will be in use for an international.

Of that crowd, 41,000 will be accommodated in the North and East stands, which are now one continuous structure. The committee meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday was confidently expected to give formal approval for work to start at the end of this season on the reconstruction of the West Stand.

The East Stand alone, without considering the facilities contained in it, cost £12.5 million and a new West Stand is projected at £15 million, though the ancillary services required on that side of the 83-year-old ground would lift the figure to £27 million. A far cry from the £5,572 12s 6d, which the RFU paid in 1907 for the ten and a quarter acres of land that, on January 15, 1910, played host to its first international, against Wales.

Today's gate will be worth around £1.4 million to the RFU and, if the game's supporters have found difficulty acquiring match tickets, so, too, have the corporate hospitality companies who have found rugby a lucrative outlet. One such company was understood to have ceased trading yesterday, while two more have been forced to advise their clients that they could not guarantee them tickets.

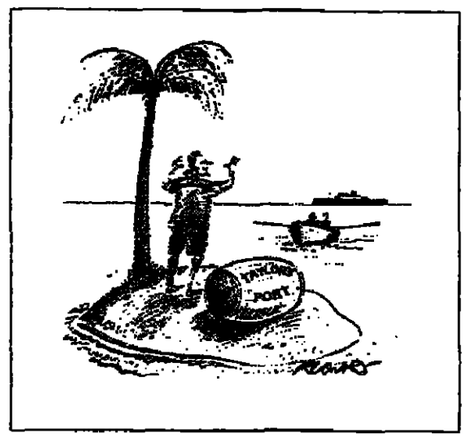
Those with tickets for the first meeting between England and New Zealand since the opening match of the 1991 World Cup (which the All Blacks won 18-12) will find colour-coded directions on how to gain access to their seats in the new three-tier structure. Those without tickets will have been less than pleased to hear that a pair of top-priced stand tickets, worth £30 each at face value, could fetch as much as £1,000 on the black market.

The All Blacks, who played at Twickenham in their opening tour match against the London Division last month, returned to the stadium yesterday to familiarise themselves with the conditions. Only four of them, including Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, took part in the 1991 fixture, while England's turnover in the last two years leaves only six survivors.

Fitzpatrick, playing his 54th successive international — a remarkable achievement for any player let alone one who plays at the coal face of the game, as hooker — will establish a world record, overhauling the 53 consecutive games of Gareth Edwards, the Cardiff and Wales scrum half between 1967-78.

It will be Will Carling's 36th game as England captain, five years after his first, which was also against a Southern Hemisphere country, Australia. On that occasion, England won a match which in retrospect, was the beginning of three successful years.

Seven of England's players shared in the 20-7 victory by the British Isles against New Zealand in Wellington in June, including Rory Underwood, the try-scorer that day who now extends his record of England appearances to 61.





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Me and my bra, from AA to DD and back again

Despite male fantasies, the history of the bra is a history of discomfort. With first-hand knowledge, **Libby Purves** laments the lot of the bow-fronted woman so desperate for relief that she will brave the surgeon's knife

They have, apparently, developed a fine metal fibre with a "memory" and are thinking of using it in a Smart Bra, which would "remember the exact shape of the individual woman's breast". This could be bad news. After all, nine women out of ten would rather forget it. If our bras have to have an *idée fixe* in their fibres, we would prefer them to think of Bardot, circa 1959. The very existence of the bra is a tribute to our pious hope that mere fabrics can augment or suppress our frontage until the original is nothing but a bad dream. The last thing we want is some metallurgical smart alec remembering it for us.

The relationship of woman and bra is a turbulent and intimate one, varying through life between grateful affection and sour familiarity. Its intensity varies with shape: ironically, the teenagers who pester for their first 28AA generally do not need it, whereas large breasts are foisted by malignant nature on tomboyish girls who resent most bitterly the flop and bulge of them, and the bite and slither of the bra-strap on shoulder and midriff. But the more you hate your breasts, the less inclined you are to buy them expensive presents: so resentful bra-buyers suffer for their neglect. They bulge out sideways, or rattle around in hammocky cups, or suffer the weals of too-narrow straps and the cruel prod of escaping underwires. In my student days, I once spiked a dancing partner when a semicircular wire crept up through my lace tank-top. It was the age of bra-burning, and I briefly considered putting it to the torch there and then; on the other hand, as a friend gloomily said: "Why is burning your bra supposed to liberate you? Without mine, I'd be rooted to the spot." (The scrawny school of feminists never did understand the trials of their busty sisters. Even the dungaree craze was a calculated insult to those of us who pushed the bib out farther than average.)

Find a bra that is not a trial and your brand-loyalty will be fierce. Just as flat women embraced the Wonderbra with passion, more convex ones wept tears of gratitude on being introduced to the majestic Triumph Doreen, with its industrial-strength straps and underarm panels that could quell a civic insurrection. Corsetières inspire even more devotion: there is a Jewish seamstress in the East End whose name is passed on like an amulet from one well-endowed woman to another in times of pregnancy. She is the Red Adair of the 44DD, the only hope of control for a girl who started out big and gets bigger every month. Apart from her, the only hope is that in hospital you will meet an old-



fashioned sister who knows how to build an extraordinary structure of elastic bandages called a "binder". A major source of post-natal depression is having to give it back to the NHS and look steadily for the first time at the twin Big Tops sold to you by some disdainful stick-insect at Mothercare. That, and the National Childbirth Trust's advice to pop a couple of tea-strainers inside to get air to the nipples. Sometimes, as Tammy Wynette sang, it's hard t'be a woman.

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The situation is not much helped by men's fascination with bras. (Do we care about their jockeys? We do not.) A peculiar exhibition assembled recently by an Italian fashion pundit, Samuele Mazza, featured the fantasy creations of several dozen sculptors. There were twin brass taps, flying birds, grasping hands, rubber sink-plungers, mountains of fruit pastilles, and prettily clustered pan-scrubs, symbolising everything women mean to men. I keep the catalogue on the coffee-table and have discovered that men (and quite a few flat-chested women) rather enjoy the symbolism; while women over 36C ignore this aspect in favour of close technical criticism as to whether the plungers have thick enough shoulder-straps, and the likelihood of the twin-kettle model giving you backache.

Much more congenial reading is Rosemary Hawthorne's *Bras*. Following her seminal volume *Knickers*, it traces the development of our friend from the ancient Greek leather *strophium* worn by women athletes, by way of the whalebone corset, to the explosion of inventiveness in the 20th century which brought us the bandeau, the non-slip "Venus" of 1920 with "built-in tug points", the Kestos, and the devising of A, B, C and D cups — colloquially known to 1930s commercial travellers as eggcup, coffee cup, tea cup and challenge cup.

The tendency to falsify nature has always been there: *The Times* snickered in 1799 that "the fashion for false bosoms has at least this utility — that it compels our fashionable fair to wear something". Tee hee, chaps.

Patent Bust Improvers, "amplifiers" and inflatable cups were a staple of early advertisements; although Mrs Hawthorne reports that the inflatable cups were discouraged for air travel. They exploded at high altitude.

Parallel to the search for inflation has run the search for diminution. Breasts are all very well, but they can stand between a girl and her chance of being taken seriously. 1920s flappers wore tight elastic bandages to be flat-chested, and they are not all that uncomfortable. When I was a full-blown 19, I played a 12-year-old prince in *Richard III* on stage at Oxford and nobody believed their eyes. I wore the flatteners for weeks at tutorials, just to worry people. Men got silly and kept saying, "It seems a shame". It seemed paradise, to me. And America, original home of the androgynous aerobic career woman, has long cherished its "minimiser" technology. Apart from anything else, fierce flattening makes it a lot easier to run for a bus. So-called "sports" bras only work for athletes already exercised into untraditional female shapes. Putting a stretchy sports bra on a Rubens figure leads to nothing but trouble. Think what happens to waterbeds in an earthquake.

It is, I suppose, woman's lot. But I have to confess that after a lifetime of carting your front around, you can lose patience. Reader, I know about these things: I grew and grew through motherhood, to the point that I lost two stone after the second baby and found to my disgust that my cup size remained constant at E. Or it might have been F. Or GBH, a special category for the kind that hit you in the face when you roll over in bed. No seamstress was up to it: having finished breeding, I took the ultimate tailoring option. After prolonged and giggly consultations on the telephone with Katie Boyle ("My dear! You end up with a scar exactly like the sign on the Crown and Anchor pub — they put the nipple in a saucer . . ."), I researched plastic surgeons. Some were more plastic than others: call me old-fashioned, but in my view no gentleman draws with a felt pen on a lady's nipples without asking permission.

Another clearly got too much fun out of slicing up women's fronts; a third asked "Do you want lippo at the same time?" Finally I found a proper doctor, a jocular Aussie, and gave him the money.

He told me that reduction is the only cosmetic operation that sheilas never complain about afterwards: and the only one regularly undertaken by those who think cosmetic surgery is dead naff. He was right.

Sitting up 7lb lighter, I felt groggy, stiff, scarred, and entirely wonderful. Back home, I burned my most tyrannical bra with grave symbolism in the domestic hearth. As I twisted up newspapers to light it, I noticed that some Madonna-loving fool on the fashion pages was yet again announcing that "Breasts are back!"

Ha! Mine won't be back, not ever, not even in nightmares. Good riddance. I served my time as earth mother, and deserve to spend my declining years able to turn over in bed without a fork-lift truck. And to forget, every now and then, to wear a blasted bra.



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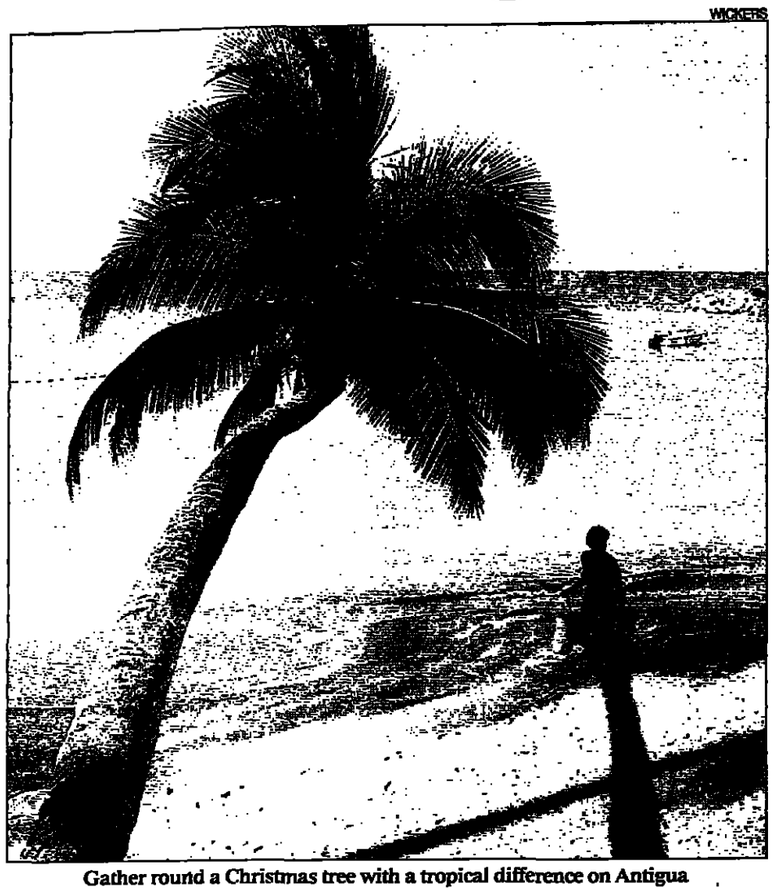
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West Indians will turn practically anything to a reggae beat, but one of their best creations is reggae Christmas carols. Imagine "Good King Wenceslas" sung on the off-beat, in a lilting West Indian accent. Carol singing is just as popular in the British Caribbean islands as in Britain — but when the singing is finished, the singers head off to a beach party.

There has never been a flake of snow in the Caribbean islands, of course. Perhaps it should be the sand that is deep and crisp and even.

Christmas in the Caribbean has its roots in the European celebration — you will see Santa Claus sweltering here in his red suit and beard, and Christmas dinner is still turkey followed by plum pudding. But there are exotic variations on the European theme — Christmas pudding is steeped in rum rather than brandy. Sorrel is the special Christmas drink — a bright red concoction laced with rum and ginger. In Puerto Rico whole houses and gardens are festooned with tinsel, and people set up nativity scenes with gaudy, life-sized mannequins on their front lawn.



Festive fare, Barbados-style

Christmas day itself tends to be a family occasion, but Boxing day is a long series of parties. If you make friends with some West Indians, you may well be invited. Some islands stage special events, which are usually well worth attending.

In Montserrat and St Kitts they put on small carnivals, with calypso competitions, costumed street parties and nightly jump-ups. In Jamaica and the Bahamas there are "junkanoos", in which masqueraders dress up, with horses' masks to spook the children. St Vincent has nine "mornings" (also involving parades and dances) in the nine days before Christmas, and in Puerto Rico there is a major blow-out to celebrate the Festival of the Innocents, on December 28, during which the whole town of Hatillo dresses up and parades riotously in the town square.

The most spectacular New Year's eve party in the Caribbean is on Jost Van Dyke, in the British Virgin Islands, where up to 300 people join the party on the sand at Foxy's Beach Bar.

Barbados and Antigua are among the best known and most accessible Caribbean islands. Well organised for Christmas breaks, both have excellent white sand beaches. In Antigua fun bars are found around the historic naval station of English Harbour, and on Sunday afternoons at Shirley Heights, a huge party celebrates the sunset.

Barbados has some very elegant restaurants in charming waterfront settings. Most attractive are Carambole on the west coast, and Pisces on a very pretty white deck in St Lawrence Gap where, after your Creole flying fish and Christmas pudding, you can stagger on to a string of busy nightclubs.

Book soon, it's a popular destination.

JAMES HENDERSON

● *Guideline prices: Elegant Resorts (0244 329671), 14 days from December 22 in Antigua for £2,400 (flight and room only; half-board £43 per person per night). Caribbean Connection (0244 341131), seven days from December 20 in Barbados for £1,515 (includes flight, room and breakfast).*

SKISHOOT



Heliskiing in Canada, where Christmas is the low season

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Global warming and a mass exodus to the Alps mean that no resort can guarantee good snow and uncrowded pistes over the holiday period. Yes, there is perennial snow on the glaciers of Zermatt, Verbier and Val d'Isère and eight glaciers in Austria. But these glaciers cannot handle the busloads from less favoured resorts in times of poor snow.

Where can you go where it has *already* snowed six feet, where you get a guaranteed 80,000 vertical feet of untracked powder-snow skiing? The answer is helicopter skiing in the Monashee and Cariboo mountain ranges of British Columbia, Canada.

To have a helicopter lift you to a remote area, drop you and then meet you at your destination, ready to start again, is not cheap. But the surprising news is that Christmas and New Year periods are low-season budget weeks at Mike Wiegele's 3,000 sq mile heliranch — most heliskiers prefer to ski in the February sun.

Christmases in Canada can get cold, minus 30C, but the light powder snow can also be over your head. Mr Wiegele's is the only operation to offer free unlimited vertical skiing over the Christmas period. Elsewhere an extra $14 is charged for each 1,000ft skied over the 100,000ft "norm". In practice, this represents a value of £250.

Mr Wiegele is also the first in the industry to answer safety concerns by reducing the number of skiers per helicopter and adding an extra mountain guide.

Alpenglow painting rosy fingers across the peaks as you return to your log cabin in the Canadian wilderness. Sumptuous meals of Alberta beef, hot tubs and massage *après ski*. Powder snow and never, ever a lift queue. That is my idea of a white Christmas.

DOUG SAGER

● *Ski Scott Dunn (081-767 0202) can arrange seven-day packages to Mike Wiegele's. All meals, accommodation and heliskiing for £2,015, not including flights.*

One way of taking the hard work out of a family Christmas is to spend the holiday at a country house hotel that caters for children. Here are some that fit the festive bill.

The Bath Spa Hotel,
Bath, Avon (0225 444424)
The hotel will run its Christmas house party from the afternoon of Christmas eve until the morning of December 27, with festivities including a masked ball on the final evening. The hotel has a professionally staffed nursery, open daily and free to guests, in a lodge within the grounds. The Kennet and Avon Canal is nearby, with boat trips available over the holiday.

The holiday package costs £597 per person. There is no charge for children under five sharing the room. The charge for older children is £120 per room (possibly for two children) per night, food extra.

Calcot Manor,
Tetbury, Gloucestershire (0666 8903910)
Set in pretty countryside and just off the A46, this converted farmhouse offers two-night packages at Christmas and new year in family suites for two adults and two children at £500 and £460 respectively. All meals and festivities are included for adults, but the children's menu is extra.

Whitechapel Manor,
South Molton, north Devon (0769 573377)
On the edge of the Exmoor National Park, and minutes from the A361, this quiet country house hotel charges between £98 and £160 a night for a double room, plus £10 per child in the same room. There are two dinner menus at £26 and £37; lower prices for the children's menu.

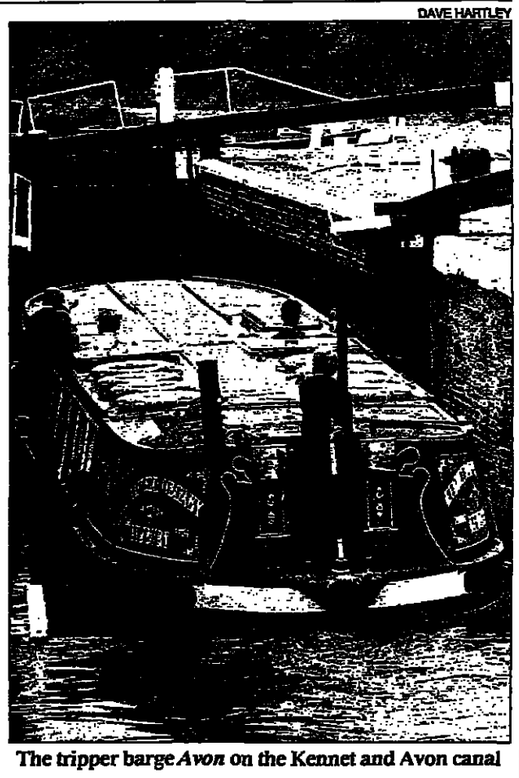
Sunlaws House, *Kelso, Roxburghshire (0573 450331)*
This is a small Scottish castle — Bonnie Prince Charlie stayed a night, they say — in 200 acres and owned by the Duke of Roxburghe. Lots of open fires, luxury, good food, staff baby-sitters and a genuine welcome for children. Christmas packages (arrive December 24, leave on the morning of December 27) are from £360 to £450 per person. Call for child reductions.

Maes-y-Neuadd,
Talsarnau Gwynedd (0766 780200)
An ancient manor house in Snowdonia, surrounded by spectacular scenery. Children over seven are welcomed and, if staying in their parents' room, pay only for meals. Full-board Christmas package for two adults and child sharing from £590 from Christmas eve to the morning of December 27. The nearby Ffestiniog mountain railway runs trips over the holiday.

Combe House,
Gittisham, Honiton, Devon (0404 42756)
This Elizabethan mansion in 3,000 acres is full at Christmas (check, though, for cancellations) but is holding a dinner dance on New Year's eve at £45 a head. Room and breakfast for two costs £92 a night (minimum two nights). Extra child bed £20 a night, cot £10.

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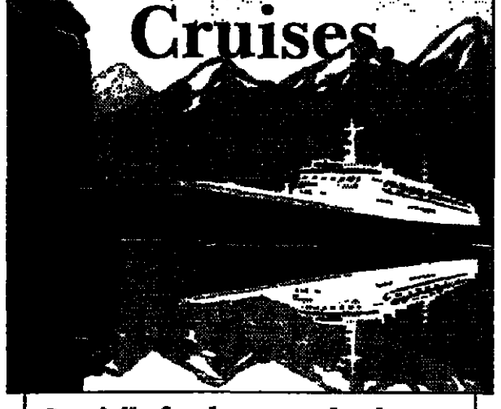
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Cressida Bell in the Hackney workshop where she creates her hand-painted furniture — "I cost £250 a day, but I am very quick"

Furnishing fantasies

Jane Furnival on painted furniture, from Hackney and Venice

In Hackney, east London, *aficionados* who combine a love of modern art with a passion for painted furniture can pick up pieces such as a bench in gold and red Catherine wheels for £800. This is the work of Cressida Bell, the grand-daughter of Bloomsbury painter Vanessa Bell, who has been painting furniture in the Charleston tradition since she was eight.

With a flamboyant, formal, patterned style which says "art" not "paint finish", Ms Bell is much collected by media types. Because she designs fabrics too, and sometimes cribs her own patterns for furniture, you can, if you desire, wear the scarf, walk on the rug, lounge on the cushions and sit on the bench of the same Bell design.

Ms Bell will jazz up any old furniture that comes her way — the benches were unwanted props from the London Colosseum, for instance. She will also paint to commission. "I cost £250 a day but I'm very quick," she says.

Her creativity is a good way of adding value to junk pieces. Television producer Jamie Muir has a coffee table and standard lamp, both meticulously sanded by his father Frank Muir for Ms Bell to paint. Her brother-in-law, Bill Nicholson, author of *Shadowlands*, has just ordered a puppet theatre in red and gold.

Malcolm Sinclair, who appeared in the BBC's *Scarlet and Black*, claims he collected his telephone, table, mirror and kitchen shelves by being first through the door at Ms Bell's studio sales and making an offer for anything lying around. His Bell shelves are lined with pottery by Sophie McCarthy, another Bloomsbury scion. "I'm not a Bloomsburyite," says Mr Sinclair. "I just like Cressida's ability to mix colours you think won't go."

Does Ms Bell trade on the Bloomsbury label? An American newspaper owner anticipated just that when he asked her for a bedspread to match a Vanessa Bell painting and a lampshade by Ms Bell's father, Quentin, but didn't get quite what he expected. "It began as Bloomsbury and then they let me get more and more me-ish," she says.

She ended up repainting the room, including a grand piano, with scrolls of mock music lying open on the top and paprika red inside. Then there was a pop-up television cupboard, painted in baroque drapery.

It is her own style, but with the family name, her furniture will increase in value and keep its interest long after paint effects have faded.

For antique collectors, painted furniture from Venice, hidden for more than 200 years, goes on sale next week — and the man who rediscovered it insists that it has sex appeal. "Venetian furniture is sexier than French," says Patrick Syz, 31, who is holding the sale in his tiny Belgravia flat. "It has *joie de vivre*. Painted chairs with edges carved and painted like frills are more comfortable than French antiques of the same age, which are so sharp that women snag their tights on them."



Mid 18th-century Venetian wig chest decorated in blue

The collection of chairs, mirrors and cupboards, never seen before outside their maker's studio and a few imposing *palazzi*, is the result of a seven-year search by Mr Syz.

Mr Syz, 31, whose family established a Swiss art foundation, became convinced that somewhere in Venice was a lost wealth of old furniture that had not just been thrown into a canal when it got shabby. So he foraged around friends' cellars in the area until he found them: frivolous *fantasies such as candle holders* carved and painted like parrot tulips, or *faux*-marble cupboards in colours that do not exist in nature.

They had been forgotten for centuries because soupy brown paint was slapped over them to hide them from the invading Napoleonic soldiers, who took a delight in destroying "decadent" Italian art.

"I saw this lying on its side in a cellar, covered with dark varnish," Mr Syz says of a blue corner cupboard, priced £175,000. "I said to the owner, 'Why don't you restore this?' He said, 'I can't be bothered. *I've got so much stuff.*' Then he kindly gave it to me, and I had the wonderful task of cleaning it."

He took it home and tentatively scraped "windows" in the muddy surface — and, beneath it, found an early attempt at copying Dutch willow-pattern china, portraying Chinamen wearing graceful Venetian feathered hats.

Mr Syz's star find is an 18th-century wig cupboard with a complete imaginary garden painted over it featuring dogs and statues, based on prints by Zocchi, or even perhaps by the artist himself.

Some of the specks of new paint looked like Tipp-Ex to me, but that is because there are two schools of thought about restoration: either it shows, so you know what is original and what is not, or everything blends.

At £38,000 for the cheapest pair of stools, these are connoisseur collectables — but you can sit on your investment, and it will fetch considerably more in second-hand value than a Habitat sofa. It is worth climbing the stairs to Mr Syz's flat to see his finds, teamed with Venetian paintings of the same period, including Veronese's *Venice being Presented to the Christ Child*.

There is an enjoyable amount of romantic detective work to do on each exhibit. What looks like a sideboard turns out to be a satin-lined chest, which unfolds into chambers like a complex piece of origami.

"It's got to be a travelling chest," Mr Syz says, "because *it's got two mirrors inside. If* the owner used it in a bedroom, she'd simply have a mirror on the wall.This is a honeymoon piece."

In another cupboard a spring unlocks a secret drawer in which he found a book and a dagger. It sounds as if this belonged to the Venetian equivalent of a Borgia.

● *Cressida Bell, 081-985 5863. "The Spirit of Venice", 94 Eaton Place, London SW1 (071-235 4572). Open Sat Dec 4 to Fri Dec 17: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free.*

Sale previews

☐ **Cork Street**, London's mecca for contemporary art, abandons its élitist image today and tomorrow during its second annual "open weekend". Treats for browsers range from evocative Aboriginal burial poles to powerful bronzes by Dame Elizabeth Frink; the weird avant-garde to the contemporary/traditional.

☐ Fancy an unspecified object wrapped up by Christo (the artist whose entire oeuvre involves this exercise)? Yours for £15,000 to £20,000 at **Christie's** on Thursday. Or how about "President 2" — a ghoulish image by the late New York graffiti artist Jean-Michel Basquiat at £35,000 to £45,000? **Sotheby's** contemporary art *tour de force*, also on Thursday, is a double self-portrait by *Francis Bacon*, comprising two faces with distorted features (£400,000).

☐ **Sotheby's** and **Christie's** persist in holding glamorous evening sales of Impressionist paintings. A rare picture by the eccentric post-Impressionist Henri Rousseau is expected to raise as much as £2 million at Christie's on Monday; the next evening Sotheby's has an early van Gogh at £250,000.

☐ **Bloomsbury Book Auctions** ends the year with a bang on Thursday with a collection of tomes all about fireworks. *Pyrotechnia, or a discourse of Artificiall Fire-Works* by the 17th-century enthusiast John Babington, is estimated at £600 to £800, while one F-M Chartier's 19th-century *Recherches sur les Feux d'Artifice* is £150.

☐ Prints are a theme this week. On Tuesday **Christie's** offers a remarkable collection by William Blake, including the last copy in private hands of the artist's prophetic book *Jerusalem*, expected to fetch as much as £1 million. At the **Christopher Wood Gallery** is the entire print work of J.J. Tissot, painter of consumptive Victorian lovelies.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Bookbuyer's guide by Derwent May

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate length of reviews appearing in national broadsheet newspapers

3/5 Trop de Toad Hall: A feeling that the book was superfluous dominated the reviews of *The Willows in Winter* (HarperCollins, £12.99), William Horwood's sequel to Kenneth Grahame's great *Wind in the Willows*. But there was disagreement over how well it had been done. In *The Spectator*, Juliet Townsend thought it was "well worth considering as a Christmas present for lovers of life on the River Bank", though "sometimes almost too true to the original". In this paper *I suggested that Horwood* had successfully got into the minds of Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad — but that "it is as though he has built a moat under the original building", and just given us a "delightful reflection" of it.

In *The Daily Telegraph* Ann Thwaite said the book was "simply an agreeable imitation. . .Copycat!" In *The Mail On Sunday*, Beryl Bainbridge thought the tone was rather successful but "not very much happens". Fiercer criticism came from Christina Hardyment in *The Independent*: Grahame's "elegant tension between Badger's formidable authority and Toad's irresponsibility" had been lost, with "Badger reduced to an irascible and ineffectual old codger" and Toad turned into a triumph for "opportunist individualism".

Harshest of all was James Saynor in *The Observer*. He had his doubts about the original book, which he thought was really a lesson in survival for "a lazy, tolerant, upper middle class". But the sequel was "dire", showing the "weasel class" kept "bossily under the thumb" of the animal gents — and with a story as "inventive and mysterious as an afternoon soap opera".

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3/5 Wolf accepts whistles: In *Fire With Fire* (Chatto, £11.99) — said Natasha Walter in *The Independent* — Naomi Wolf has moved on from the views she expressed in her first book, *The Beauty Myth*. The old "victim feminism" has now given way to "feel-good feminism". Walter did not like the tone of the new book so much — it "no longer bears the mark of her own teenage anorexia, it bears the heavy imprint of her successful career as an American media star." However, it was "loud, strong and tuneful" and its cheering message to women was right: "We don't have to ask for power, we can just take it."

In *The Daily Telegraph*, Lesley Garner was more dubious: the book was about "the current progress and position of women" but "I cannot say that it told me anything new". In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Minette Marrin approved of Naomi Wolf's argument that "the *Sisterhood must stop* being so exclusive, and realise that even right-wing women may be entitled to pursue their goals" — but thought this was "not so much fire with fire as a bit of a damp squib".

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MY PERFECT WEEKEND

Heather Couper
Professor of astronomy



Where would you go?
Home — a beautiful 18th-century brick-and-flint farmhouse on the Chiltern scarp. I'd set the clock for late May to early June, when the countryside is vivid with colour, the sky wall-to-wall eggshell-blue.

Who would be your perfect companion?
Nigel Henbest, my best friend and business partner.

What essential piece of clothing would you take?
Wellies for walking — and something loose to hide all the food I intend to eat.

What would you have to eat?
Lots of Italian-inspired food — homemade pizza and pasta, with oodles of melted cheese, garlic, pesto. We're veggy, and can't get enough of food like this. And crème brûlée.

What would you drink?
Champers to wake up. An interesting southern French red at lunch, an English white to help the sun go down, and an Australian red with dinner.

What luxury would you have?
I'd love someone to magic a luxurious swimming pool in our garden.

What piece of art would you like to look at?
An English landowner commissioned an Italian landscape artist, whose name I don't know, to paint his country house. He instructed the artist not to leave out the "sheep on the hills". The Italian misheard and painted a fleet of ships on the hills instead. I'd love to know where I can get a copy.

What would you read?
The Chilterns by Leslie W. Hepple and Alison M. Doggett (Phillimore 1992), plus books about local churches, houses and walks.

What music would you like?
Boyce, Handel and Vaughan Williams.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Any "independent thinker" with a theory of the universe.

Which newspapers would you read?
The *Bucks Free Press*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Observer* and *The Mail on Sunday*.

What three things would you leave behind?
My laptop computer, the phone and fax, and the scales.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Explore Chiltern churches and villages. 2. Start making some more of our homemade wine, Château Hencoup. 3. Indulge in my Mediterranean tendency to fall asleep after lunch, knowing that it wasn't going to get dark until 10pm.

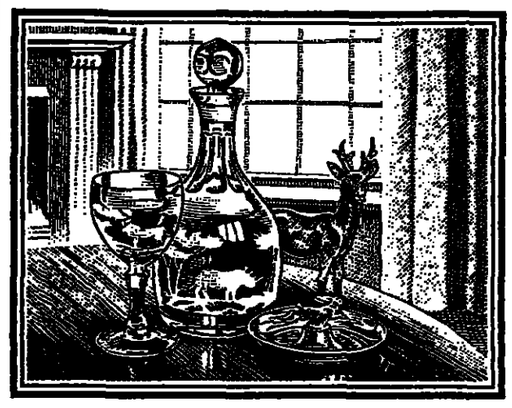
What souvenir of the weekend would you like?
Something from a Chiltern antique shop: on my last weekend I bought a pair of beech farmhouse chairs and a nutcracker shaped like a dog.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

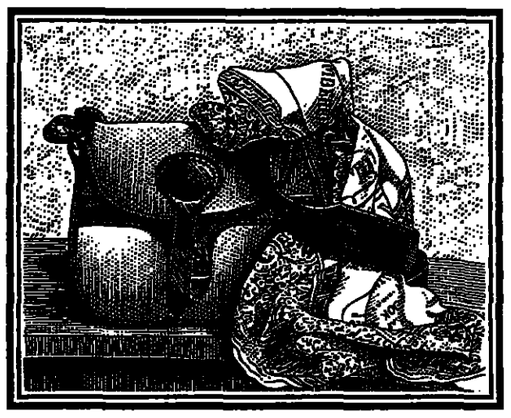
● *Professor Couper, of Gresham College, London, is a former president of the British Astronomical Association. Tomorrow at 7pm, Channel 4's Equinox will feature her programme "Space Shuttle Discovery".*

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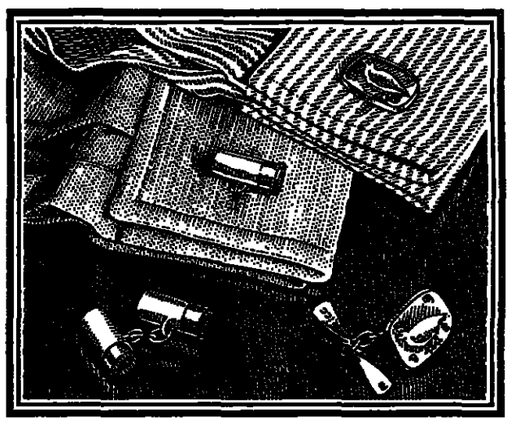
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

White wines are still too dull

Whites and wrongs

THE wine boom of recent years has essentially been a boom in white wine. Twenty years ago, we drank twice as much red wine as white: today, it is the other way round.

There are various reasons why white wine has become so much more popular. When we take up drinking wine for the first time, we are often put off by the tannins in red wines. We also expect what we drink to be refreshing, so we prefer white wines, which are generally served cool.

Moreover, inexpensive white wines are much better than they used to be. Twenty years ago, they suffered from the primitive state of wine-making technology. Whereas red wines are made by fermenting the grapes in contact with their skins, in the case of white wines the juice is drained from the skins before fermentation. The tannins in the skins give red wine the astringency that puts off novice wine drinkers, but they also protect the wine from spoilage during fermentation. White wines are not protected by tannins, and in the past they tended to oxidise, turning brown and lifeless.

It has always been possible to find good cheap red wines. But the manufacture of decent cheap whites has only been made possible by the introduction of equipment to cool the wine and protect it from contact with air during fermentation. The purpose of this "cold fermentation" is to protect the wine from spoilage, rather than to maximise its flavour. Wines made in this way are fresh and fruity, but they are not very interesting.

One wine maker who has found a means of mitigating the dullness is the roving English wine maker, Hugh Ryman. He adds oak flavour. Since it would cost far too much to mature the wines in oak casks, he adds oak chips or oak powder instead. Technically this is illegal, but nobody seems to mind. Mr Ryman's oak-flavoured Hungarian Gyongyos Chardonnay was recently named White Wine of the Year by *Wine Magazine*.

MR RYMAN is also one of a growing number of wine makers who have realised that the flavour of white wines can be improved by learning from the manufacture of red ones: allowing the juice to spend a short period of contact with the grape skins, in order to extract some flavour from them before fermentation.

The disadvantage of oak powder and skin contact is that they add similar flavours to different wines. Oak powder imparts a crude coconutty character, skin contact a grassy aroma and taste.

The long-term solution is for wine makers to spend less of their time in the cellars, and more time seeking out and cultivating unusual local white grape varieties, rather than ignoring them in favour of international varieties such as sauvignon.

This is beginning to happen, but it will be many years before it is as easy to find interesting inexpensive white wines as red ones.

ANDREW BARR

BEST BUYS

● **Don Darias:** *Tesco, £2.75*; **Don Hugo:** *Waitrose, £2.85; Gateway and Somerfield, £2.95*; **Marques de Vitoria:** *Victoria Wine, £2.99.*
The classic oak-flavoured dry white wine, from Bodegas Vitorianas in northern Spain, under three different labels.

● **Gyongyos Chardonnay 1992:** *Co-op, £3.29; Sainsbury, Safeway, Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up, £3.35; Majestic Wine Warehouses, £3.39; Fullers, £3.49.*
Hugh Ryman's powerful, oak-flavoured Hungarian chardonnay.

● **Domaine Bordes 1992:** *Sainsbury, £3.39*; **Domaine le Puis 1992:** *Majestic Wine Warehouses, £3.69*; **Domaine de Biau 1992:** *Victoria Wine, £3.99.*
Hugh Ryman's lively vin de pays des Côtes de Gascogne, under three labels.

● **Sainsbury's Torrontas Argentinian Dry White,** *£3.49.*
This aromatic, stylish dry white wine was made in Argentina from a Spanish grape variety by an Australian resident in Portugal.

● **Nuragus di Caligari 1992:** *Davisons, £3.85.*
A full-bodied dry white wine from a Sardinian grape variety.

PAUL SANDERS



Judy Goodman with some of her flock of "large, meaty" geese from Denmark — "you have to look after them; feed them well, take care they're never frightened or frustrated"

Geese getting fat

Henrietta Green tracks down fine British fare for Christmas

■ **GEESE**
Goodman's Geese, Walsgrove Farm, Great Witley, Worcester, Worcestershire WR6 6JJ (0299 896272). Contact: Judy Goodman. Open May to end-July, 9am-5pm; Sept 23 to Dec 23, telephone ahead for geese. Directions: From Worcester, take A443 about 12 miles into Great Witley. Turn left on to B4203 at sign for Bromyard. After about 100 yards, take the first turning on the left and farm is ¼ mile along on the right.

Judy Goodman is possibly the largest free-range goose producer in Britain; this year she promises around 2,500 over the Christmas period. The farm, nestling in the Abberley Hills, is run by her husband and his brother and covers 500 acres in total. For the geese they have set aside 50 acres of good grass.

During the summer and autumn you can watch the geese waddling around pecking away contentedly; then suddenly, and for no apparent reason, they will come together in a whoosh of white, flapping and crackling as if the world was coming to an end — they are wonderfully powerful birds. Ms Goodman buys them in as day-old goslings and they peck at the grass, supplemented with a compound feed of minerals, vitamins, wheat and barley made up to her specifications.

They are slaughtered by dislocation of the neck (the approved way) at any age between 22-28 weeks, hung for about ten days, dry-plucked and eviscerated, and sold oven-ready weighing 4.5-5.85kg (10-13lb). Orders can be placed at any time from August onwards and, such is the demand, she has been known to sell out early in the season. With some geese ready by September 23 (for Michaelmas) through to December 23, she will send them by overnight transport anywhere in Britain, or they can be collected from the farm.

For a couple of years now I have had geese from Ms Goodman for Christmas. They are magnificent meaty birds with moist, deeply resonant flesh. Carefully plucked for an unbruised and unbroken skin, they are beautifully presented, trussed with string to make stuffing easier. They also come with a full complement of giblets, a chunk of goose fat and a bunch of fresh herbs. What is particularly striking about these birds is their finish: unlike some other geese, they have a good meat-to-bone ratio — a 4.5kg (10lb) goose is ample for six greedy eaters.

The excellence of her birds is, Ms Goodman says, "a question of good management. First the breed and quality of goslings must be right; I choose a Legarth cross, a large meaty bird from Denmark. And you have to look after them; feed them well, take care they're never frightened or frustrated. And we only kill them when they're mature; you get better, deeper-flavoured meat."

■ **WENSLEYDALE CHEESE**
Fortmayne Farm Dairy, Fortmayne Cottage, Newton-le-Willows, Bedale, Yorkshire DL8 1SL (0677 50660. Contact: Suzanne Stirke (telephone ahead).

I have good news. Farmhouse Wensleydale is being made in a farmhouse in Lower Wensleydale and, in the capable hands of Suzanne Stirke, is thriving. Now I realise some people might not find this as exciting as I do; but if we are to preserve our culinary heritage and all its richness and diversity, then small-scale makers working in the "traditional" way must be fostered and encouraged.

Wensleydale is thought to go back as far as the time of the Norman Conquest. As the story has it, Norman soldiers stationed up North complained bitterly about the food and King William persuaded his uncle, the Abbot of Savigny, to send over some monks to make cheese. The first monastery was built in Fors, in Upper Wensleydale, where the weather was more clement and the natives less hostile. The cheese they made used ewes' milk like a Roquefort and would blue naturally; quite how and why it changed from ewes' to cows' milk, no one is too sure.

After the dissolution of the monasteries, it was the farmers' wives who made the cheese, until the second world war. What then brought farmhouse production to an abrupt halt was the edict that all milk available for cheese should be brought into factories and turned into hard cheese with a maximum moisture content of 40 per cent — unachievable with Wensleydale.

Ms Stirke has only been making for the last five years and deliberately set out to achieve the same pre-war moist cheese. She makes it with unpasteurised milk from the next-door Friesian herd, in a small 225-litre (50-gallon) vat. The milk is started and renneted for about an hour, the curds are cut and stirred with a ladle, left to sit in the whey for an hour, then the whey takes about an hour to drain away. The curds are then cut into blocks, turned and then broken up by hand and salted at the same time. It is immensely hard work: I felt exhausted just watching Ms Stirke. The curds are milled, packed into cloth-lined moulds and turned; the next day they are turned and lightly weighted for 24 hours, turned again, washed in salt and water and bandaged.

Made in 450g, 900g and 2.3kg (1, 2 and 5lb) cheeses, it is eaten young (when only two weeks) or it can be kept to about five weeks for a deeper-flavoured, slightly drier cheese. I tried it when still young and was delighted by its moist butteriness and its loose, crumbly texture.

■ **FRUIT CAKES**
Mrs Gill's Country Cakes — Unit 1 & 5, Link House, Leat Street, Tiverton, Devon EX16 5LG (0884 242744; fax 0884 257440). Contact: Jacqueline Gill (telephone ahead).

Jacqueline Gill has been baking her rich dark fruit cake in a small way for several years. Recently she moved from her farmhouse kitchen to a small industrial unit in the centre of Tiverton and from here things have really taken off — last heard of she was supplying Waitrose.

Her cakes are very old-fashioned: rich and dark with just a smidgin of spice. The ingredients are all of the best quality: plump currants, raisins and sultanas, juicy mixed peel, a dark Muscovado sugar, black treacle, unbleached white flour, butter, fresh eggs, fat glossy undyed morello cherries and brandy, although she will add whisky if you prefer. The smallest cake is 10cm (4in) in diameter, weighing 350g (12oz), and they graduate up in size inch by inch to a generous 17.5cm (7in), weighing 1.35kg (3lb). The only square cake she makes is a 12.5cm (5in). Her cakes come plain or neatly decorated with rows of whole nuts and cherries. She will also make wedding cakes to order from "an even richer mixture — with more fruit and more brandy".

● *Edited extract from Henrietta Green's* Food Lover's Guide to Britain *(BBC Books, £9.99). The author has been nominated for the prestigious André Simon food writer's award.*

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ENTERTAINING AT HOME: MARTIN MILLER

Quaff by candlelight

I have been called determinedly gregarious, but that's not quite the way I put it. I like entertaining and wouldn't do it unless I enjoyed it. Most weeks I have a party, either in London or at Sissinghurst Court, in Kent.

It's dinner for ten, supper for 20, or a drinks party for 100 or more, and always informal. I make sure the food and wine are good, but ambiance and atmosphere are the important ingredients. I do the cooking, but I'm not a gourmet cook.

Anyway, I don't want to be left out of things by spending too much time in the kitchen. My guests are usually 50 per cent friends and 50 per cent people I've never met before. I'm always into new ventures, so I'm lucky that I meet such a wide range of people.

After a quick shop in Marks & Spencer or Sainsbury's in the afternoon, I can do supper for 20 people in 30 minutes flat: prawn and tuna starter, chicken paprika with rice and French beans as a main course and three shades of coffee marshmallow pudding — or Viennetta.

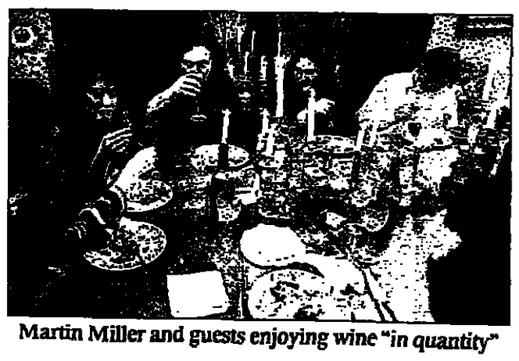
I buy wine by the case, whatever I like at the time. Quantity rather than quality is what I go for, although it has to be something above plonk level. Expensive wine is unappreciated and a total waste of time, I find.

My house in London lends itself to parties. The studio room is perfect for entertaining. I put together trestle tables in the middle of the room and build up an enormous centrepiece out of antiques, carpets, candles, fruit, flowers, sweets and nibbly things. I like candles because they give three-dimensional moving light. There are 160 candle holders in the room, but I never light more than 40 or 50 at a time, otherwise they generate too much heat and light.

Not so long ago the room was the setting for Annabel Croft's hen party. I organised the food with Annabel's sister, Louisa: tomato soup, cold salmon and salad, fruit and cheese. Plus a clairvoyant, an SAS attack by men in balaclavas and the obligatory strippogram.

I like parties with something different. Earlier this year I had a Victorian party, black and macabre. Or in the summer I might have an all-white garden party for 300 people in Kent. White food and drink, white flowers, white candles in the walkways and everyone dressed in white.

When I'm in Kent for the weekend I enjoy cooking traditional basic Sunday lunch. Traditional in the sense that you can slope off for a snooze in the afternoon and come back to find that your guests are still there and enjoying themselves. The studio room in London has a large open fireplace, big enough to roast a sheep on a spit. I've never done so, but might try it one day.



Martin Miller and guests enjoying wine "*in quantity*"

Chicken paprika
(serves 20)
3 large onions
oil
4tbsp paprika
20 chicken breasts
2 large cartons single cream

Sweat the chopped onions with oil and paprika in frying pan until soft. Remove onions and fry chicken until cooked. Add onions and simmer for a few minutes. Allow to cool slightly and add cream at the last minute. Serve on a bed of rice and French beans.

Interview by Alasdair Riley

● *Martin Miller's best-selling* Miller's Antiques Price Guide *is now in its fourteenth edition. He is also a publisher, hotelier and property dealer.*

DISH OF THE DAY



CHEF: Stephen Smith, aged 45.

Born: Bury, Lancashire.

Restaurant: Restaurant Nineteen, North Park Road, Heaton, Bradford, W Yorks BD9 5NT (0273 292559).

Past: Catering college and industrial experience, otherwise self-taught.

Present: "My style is evolving all the time. I still get a tingle when I've done a new dish and know it's absolutely right. But I don't like waste."

Personal: Keen collector of the works of Russell Flint — limited editions hang in the dining-room.

Future: "Who knows? I'm lucky to have achieved things beyond expectation, and to do something I enjoy. So far, there have been no dull Monday mornings."

Dish: Yorkshire pheasant, with the breast roasted on the bone and served with a plum sauce, and the leg stuffed with mushrooms and chestnuts, wrapped in bacon and served in a casserole. Followed by quince and apple tart with quince ice-cream. Alternative dish: braised steak in venison haunch served with a peppercorn sauce with red cabbage, chestnuts and an orange potato cake.

Dinner: £26 for 4 courses, including coffee.

CLARISSA HYMAN

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Lighter, leaner winter warmers

Frances Bissell suggests fresh, colourful fish and chicken casseroles to beat the cold



The TIMES *COOK*

DIANA LEADBETTER



If you are in the mood for light, fresh, colourful and appetising dishes rather than dark brown casseroles, the following recipes are for you. Like much of my cooking, they are extended recipes. For example, I cook plenty of peppers with the cod recipe to ensure leftovers — and at least three ideas spring to mind for using the extra peppers.

Cod is a good choice for a winter dish as it is at its best now, and although the recipe will adapt well to other fish, I like the flavour, texture and cooking qualities of a piece of cod taken from the thick end of the fillet. The yellow and red of the peppers, and the name of the dish, Cod Maria José, indicate a Spanish inspiration.

With the cod I would serve a crisp, white rioja, a fruity albarino from Galicia, or a cool fino from Andalusia.

Chicken makes a good main course at any time of the year and, although I prefer to pot roast or casserole the bird, there is much to be said for steaming or poaching it for a lighter dish. Buying the chicken breasts ready-cut can speed things up, but I prefer to buy the whole bird, joint it and use the legs and carcass in other recipes.

A compote of dried fruit, cooked in fragrant tea or wine, with spices and citrus peel, can be prepared a day or two in advance. When ready to serve, scatter it with toasted, flaked almonds and accompany it with cream or yoghurt. As an alternative pudding, I include an adaptation of the Swiss roll.

Cod Maria José

(serves 4-6)

3 red and 3 yellow peppers, or more depending on which of the following recipes you want to try
1 onion
extra virgin olive oil
1½lb/680g skinned cod fillet from the neck end
½pt/70ml fino sherry
freshly ground black pepper
sea salt
dash of lemon juice

Quarter the peppers, discard the seeds and grill or bake, skin-side up, until the skin is blistered and charred. Steam the skin loose by putting the peppers in a paper or plastic bag for a few minutes. Peel off the skin and cut half the peppers into strips for this dish, and leave the rest in quarters for future use. Peel and halve the onion lengthways and slice into new-moon segments. Gently fry the onion in the olive oil in an enamelled cast-iron dish or other oven-proof container. When the onions are soft, place the fish on top and surround with strips of red and yellow peppers. Brush a little more olive oil on top of the fish, add the fino and season lightly. Cook in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for 15 minutes or so, depending on the thickness of the fish. Just before serving, add a dash of lemon juice, or garnish with lemon wedges. Serve with boiled or mashed potatoes, or a salad of herbs and watercress.

Recipes for starters using red and yellow peppers

Sardine, pepper and couscous salad: Steam or soak some couscous and mix with chopped shallot, chopped fresh mint, coriander and vinaigrette. Heap on to plates. Top with two or three canned sardines and, on top of them, put a couple of pieces of pepper, yellow, red or both.

Pepper terrine: Line a loaf tin with clingfilm, and then with well-blanched spinach leaves, or well-cooked cabbage leaves. Layer the peppers with a little seasoning and cover with the leaves and clingfilm. Weight it down heavily and leave overnight in the refrigerator before slicing. Chilling it almost to freezing point in the ice-making compartment makes slicing easier.

Bruschetta: Chop the red and yellow peppers in the food processor, season with a little oil, vinegar, salt and pepper and heap on to toasted slices of ciabatta. Leftover baked or grilled aubergines or roasted tomatoes can be dealt with in the same way.

SKINLESS, boneless chicken breasts are quick and easy to cook and fit into all kinds of menus, depending on the seasonings you use and the accompaniments you serve with the chicken. Tandoori or masala paste can be rubbed into the meat, which can be cooked over steam scented with cinnamon, cloves and cardamom for a flavour of Asia. Tarragon and mushrooms suggest a classic French dish; tomatoes, marjoram and garlic an Italian.

The quality of the chicken is important; look for organic or free-range.

Here are some main-course chicken suggestions around which to plan a meal.

Chicken à la carte

Use skinless, boneless chicken breasts. Season the meat very lightly, place in steamer basket and steam for about 12-15 minutes. Consider some of the following flavourings, garnishes and accompaniments:

Tapenade and white beans: Soak and cook some cannelini or butter beans. Mash them to a purée with a little extra virgin olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and snip in a little sage or rosemary.

To make the tapenade, rinse and drain a small jar of capers (about 3oz/85g), a can of flat anchovy fillets and a 14oz/400g can of pitted black olives. Peel a couple of cloves of garlic, if you like, and blend everything to a not-too-fine mixture in the food processor. A salad of rocket leaves or watercress is very good with this, and the tapenade can be served hot or cold.

Spiced black beans and grilled tomatoes: Another black-and-white dish, with the beans cooked as for a thick version of traditional black bean soup. Soak turtle beans or black kidney beans for several hours, boil hard for 15 minutes, drain and rinse them and cook them in ham or other stock until soft. Fry onions and garlic, add plenty of cumin and coriander, both ground and seeds for added texture, and a little olive oil. Add the drained beans, and mash to a purée. Put the chicken breast on top, garnish with coriander, and serve with halves of well-grilled plum tomatoes.

Oriental vegetables: Shred a pale Chinese cabbage and the darker leaves of choy sum or savoy cabbage, and steam the chicken breasts on top, having seasoned them with rice wine or sherry, soy sauce and toasted sesame oil. Serve with a stir-fried mixture of shredded ginger, sliced mushrooms, blanched beansprouts, sliced carrots and celery, flavoured with the usual seasonings, and garnished with toasted sesame seeds or crushed dry-roasted peanuts. Serve with brown rice or wholemeal noodles.

Winter vegetables and mustard sauce: Shred or lightly slice several leeks and steam the chicken breasts on top. Serve with a mash of parsnips and potato, flavoured with nutmeg and olive oil. Make a sauce by reducing chicken stock, adding a splash of white wine, and stirring in some grain mustard.

THE pudding based on the classic fatless sponge becomes even more virtuous by making an unusual substitution for egg yolks, for those worried about their intake of eggs. Having got the method right, there is an infinite variety of flavourings for both sponge and filling.

To drink with this dish, an orange muscat dessert wine is the obvious choice, or perhaps the sparkling fresh Moscato d'Asti, relatively low in alcohol but full of flavour and fruit.

Tangerine and yoghurt sponge roll

(serves 6)

The sponge

4oz/110g cottage cheese
3oz/85g caster sugar
3tbsp skimmed milk
zest of 2 tangerines
3tbsp tangerine juice
4oz/110g self-raising flour, sifted
4 large, free-range egg whites
1tbsp icing sugar, sifted

The filling

zest of 1 tangerine
2-3tbsp tangerine juice
2tsp clear honey
6oz/170g thick Greek yoghurt

Blend the cottage cheese, sugar and milk until smooth, and stir in the juice and zest. Carefully fold in the sifted flour. Whisk the egg whites and gradually add the icing sugar until the egg whites are peaked and glossy.

Fold the two mixtures together and spoon into a grease-proof paper-lined and greased Swiss roll tray. Bake for about 15 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, until the surface of the sponge is just set and springy, and the sides beginning to shrink away from the tray. Turn out on to a clean tea towel and, when cool, peel off the greaseproof paper. Trim off the crusty edges of the sponge, and roll in the tea towel.

To make the filling, mix the zest, juice and honey into the yoghurt. It is a good idea to make this before you make the cake so that the flavours blend, and the yoghurt thickens again. Unroll the sponge, spread on the filling and re-roll. Decorate with crystallised orange peel, and sift on icing sugar.

MINCEMEAT: A HASH

Frances Bissell writes: I am sorry that in adapting my luxury mincemeat recipe for small quantities (Saturday, November 20), I did not adjust all the ingredients. Consequently, the balance of the sugar to fruit was incorrect.

However, even if you have already made your mincemeat it can still be corrected. Tip the mix into a bowl and add at least the same quantity of dried fruit. If the lemons used were very small, also grate in half a bramley apple. Mix thoroughly and repot in clean, dry jars.

If you are planning to make the mincemeat, use about 4-6oz/110-170g sugar to a generous 1lb/500g of dried fruit, depending on sweetness of the fruit you choose.

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Frank and Marjorie Lawley show off their "refined", grit-filled Northumberland cottage garden (inset, the grit mulch shown actual size)

True grit in seed wars

Stephen Anderton describes the advantages of using a fine grit mulch

Keen gardeners begin to hate hoes; it is not the effort that worries them, it is the thought of all those interesting seedlings snuffed out before they have a chance to show their worth. And there is nothing like a grit mulch for providing a good supply of interesting seedlings.

Unlike gravel, grit is fine enough to encourage seeds landing from above. If laid in a thick enough layer, say 2-3in, it is also effective in inhibiting seedlings from below. So, assuming your garden is relatively free of flourishing weeds, the seedlings that land in the grit are likely to be from surrounding plants. Conversely, any weeds established in the soil have less chance of making their way to the surface.

A grit mulch of a neutral colour has a soft effect on the garden — tidy, but still somehow earthy-looking. The plants look as if they belong to the ground in general. Coarser mulches of gravel or bark so often make the plants look individually presented, like expensive chocolates on a tray.

Herterton House, near Cambo in Northumberland, is the most refined type of cottage garden. The owners, Frank and Marjorie Lawley, use the same fine grit on the paths as they do to mulch all the stone-edged beds. The effect is calm and gentle beyond expectation, and plants flow in and out of the beds as comfortably as their background of grit does.

But gardening with grit demands a certain hygiene when planting. Whenever the mulch is disturbed to add a new plant or to divide an old one, you must make sure that the soil stays where it belongs — underneath the grit. Otherwise weed seeds in the soil will be brought to the surface to germinate. The mulch needs to be carefully scraped away to the sides before the soil is disturbed, and then returned to its position after planting.

The use of any mulch rather assumes that you have already got the soil below into good heart, and that it can be left to its own devices for a few years. But time will tire any planting, and eventually you may wish to feed the bed with compost or manure.

The beauty of grit mulch is that, on all but the sandiest of soils, it is beneficial to dig the old mulch in along with the compost. It will create a good, free-draining texture in the top spit of soil. Once the bed is restored, a new layer of grit can be spread on the surface.

Gritty soil becomes a pleasure to garden in. It does not stick to tools, but positively cleans them. Dry sandy soil encourages long questing roots, but a soil containing plenty of humus and grit does not. Plants develop wonderfully fibrous roots which lift easily from the soil when you want to divide them. This is why in the nursery at Herterton House, plants can be lifted from the rows in summer, just as they are required. It is like choosing your meal from a tank of live fish, and a far cry from those plants which have spent six months sitting in a four-litre pot of sterile peat.

A grit mulch makes a good surface for an alpine bed because it gives a free-draining surface to the soil. It stops water standing at the neck of the plants where they are liable to rot off in winter. But it is even better to dig grit into the top six inches of the soil first, before planting at all, so that drainage is perfected.

There is no need to buy washed, single-size grits for this purpose. Grit with "fines" in it will do just as well (say, ⅛in downwards), and it will be cheaper. Some suppliers call it grit-sand. As a mulch to suppress seeds in the soil it is just as effective as single-size grit, but it is a more congenial medium for seeds landing from above. Show me a better surface in which to cultivate a colony of the biennial sea-holly, Eryngium giganteum. Grit gardeners develop an eye for seedling leaves, and know what promises to be useful and what is a weed. If it is a weed, it will never be easier to remove than from grit.

But if all this sounds messy or hard work, you are probably by inclination not a grit gardener. Smarter and probably simpler is a mulch of gravel.

Next week: gravel mulches

More people are growing their own produce

A crop of my own

Growing your own vegetables is becoming more popular, not just because of the pleasure gained from producing a wide choice of cultivars unavailable in supermarkets, but because they are more likely to be free of chemicals.

Anxiety about pesticide residues in the diet of children is widespread, and the US National Academy of Science has issued a report calling for more accurate testing of toxin levels and greater caution in the use of agrochemicals.

In Britain, organic food is at a premium, according to a report by the researchers Mintel, and more wholesome methods of gardening are catching on. Seed companies are responding to this by highlighting food plants that are quick and easy to grow.

The Organic Gardening Catalogue (Chase Organics and the Henry Doubleday Association) specialises in robust, disease-resistant cultivars which do not require dripfeeding, pesticides or fertiliser. Suttons recommends Celtic cabbage, the super North Holland Blood Red Redmate onion (also from Thompson & Morgan), and the leek Albinstar.

There is an emphasis on cultivars which will do well in small spaces. We are already familiar with the cut-and-come-again lettuces, but now there is a whole range of mini-veg. T&M's broccoli Trixie will fit into an odd corner, and Mr Fothergill's recommends the old variety of runner bean Painted Lady, because its attractive flowers fit in well with ornamental plants.

Dobies has produced mini-vegetables which can be bought as an 11-vegetable collection. This includes fast-growing parsnips, carrots, a compact courgette and the small savoy cabbage Protovoy. The company also recommends growing the pencil-thin King Richard leek as an alternative to spring onions. Tokyo Cross turnips to be cropped at ping-pong ball size, and a cauliflower which will grow quickly and easily enough for a beginner to try.

Onions vary amazingly in shape, size and flavour, and are nowadays known to be good for us. The Japanese bunching onion Ishikura, which grows like a sheaf of spring onions, is space- and labour-saving. It is available from several suppliers including Chase, Suttons, Mr Fothergill's and T&M. Chase also has a handsome new red-stalked and overwintering multi-stalk onion.

Each year, my family increases its shallot allocation, because these small, tasty onionlets are easy to grow and full of flavour. We shall again be growing the sharp-tasting Pikant and the red Delicato (both excellent new introductions from Marshalls) and the reddish Sante (Dobies).



The mini broccoli Trixie

Marshalls, the largest mail-order supplier of seed potatoes, is proud of its selection. New varieties in its experimental section, the pink-eyed Kestrel and the salad potato Samba, are tasty, although we found that the latter suffered badly from slugs if left in the ground during a very wet season. Our favourites are the creamy, slightly floury Dunluce and Lola.

We found blight this year on some of our potato plants, so with the warning of a new, more virulent strain of blight spreading the country, we will be looking at Sante, which is the most resistant to this disease. (Marshalls will also supply by mail-order the effective Rootrainer seedpots, and the horticultural fleece Agryl, which protects crops from pests and poor weather.)

The shapes and forms of some of the salad greens and vegetables are as attractive as plants grown for their ornamental foliage: for example, oak-leafed lettuces, the rosettes of cornsalad, the crimped intricacies of endive and the purples of winter chicory.

At first I grew salad greens alongside my flowers in the garden because I had so little space; now I do it because I enjoy growing them and having them freshly on hand all year round.

FRANCESCA GREENOAK

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WEEKEND TIPS

- *Clear gutters and water barrels of dead leaves.*
- *Ventilate greenhouses and conservatories on mild days.*
- *Prune about a third of the new growth on bush roses and repeat-flowering climbers to reduce wind damage.*
- *Prune established apple and pear trees (not the plum or cherry trees).*
- *Take 3-4in (8-10cm) cuttings from periwinkle plants; rooted in a cold frame, they should be ready to plant out in the spring.*
- *Soak the roots of bare-rooted rose plants in water for a few hours before planting.*
- *Try not to walk on frosted lawns, damaging the grass.*
- *Look for canker on fruit trees and cut back the soft, dark-brown diseased growth to clean wood.*

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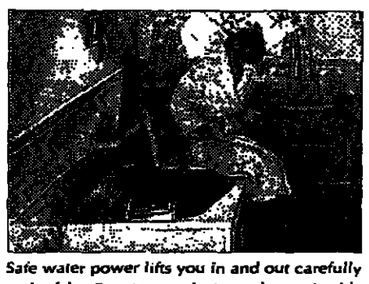
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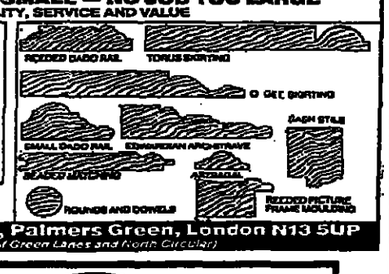
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The loving touch in root and branch

Next weekend, as part of National Tree Week, bare trees everywhere will be adorned with lanterns and bunting. Derwent May investigates tree dressing days



Dressing a pleached lime in rainbow ribbons in the London borough of Barnet

"Only God can make a tree," according to the popular Edwardian ballad. But human beings can do most things to a tree short of that, and next weekend trees throughout Britain are going to be amazed by what has hit them.

However, with a bit of luck the only gales sweeping through their branches will be gales of affection. In towns and villages, thousands of trees will find themselves dressed up and decked out by admirers.

At Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, the apple tree in the Old Rectory garden will be hung with lanterns and masks representing birds of the world. In Cumbria, a tree outside Maryport library will be dressed with white doves. At Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, the Green Man will be lurking about while children dress trees in the ancient orchard. A tree in the town centre of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, will be decorated with wind chimes. In Piccadilly Garden, Burnley, Lancashire, people will hang the trees with recycled materials.

Processions, songs, dances and tree study will accompany all these events, and professional tree-climbers, some from local fire brigades, will be scrambling through the branches. In the recently saved Oxleas Wood at Greenwich, southeast London, people will be toasting the trees in mulled wine.

Wintry weather has driven most of the leaves from the trees by now. So except for a few oaks, young beeches and hornbeams, where the foliage lingers stubbornly, the branches will be bare and easy to adorn. The participants everywhere are resolved not to be daunted by the weather, come what may.

> A wood with no old trees has far fewer birds in it

The lively organisation that has inspired these "Tree Dressing Days" is called Common Ground, and it wants to encourage people to "explore and express the cultural and emotional bonds that attach them to the place they live in". If that seems somewhat vague and mystical, the organisation insists it believes in practical action — above all, in local conservation efforts.

The tree celebrations form part of a wider campaign, National Tree Week (in fact rather longer), which started on Thursday and runs to December 5. The week is organised by another charitable body, The Tree Council, with the support this year of Safeway. It has rather ingeniously yoked its own interests with those of another movement, the European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations. The link is an emphasis on the value of old trees.

Old trees are important: they are not just fountains of firewood, waiting to be carted off. Apart from the awe inspired by the thought that a tree in Sherwood Forest was already there when Shakespeare strolled through, there is plenty of other matter for contemplation in them. It is in old trees that holes are formed where branches have been torn away, and jackdaws and tits and starlings find hidden places to nest. A wood with no old trees has far fewer birds in it. Insects breed in the cracks of an old tree and rotten timber, and many species of fungi and moss and lichen grow on its bark.

However, the Tree Council's campaign also leads rather cunningly into the importance of planting and managing the old trees of the future. It has organised more than 3,000 planting and conservation events in National Tree Week, and hopes this will encourage innumerable people to plant trees themselves.

The council is a rich source of advice in these matters. It urges would-be tree planters to copy nature by planting trees which already grow well in the chosen area (I agree with them that it is best to keep exotic species for towns). The council says it is easy to find tree seeds lying around, especially at this time of the year, and that local landowners will often be quite happy to let you transplant some of their unwanted seedlings.

Trees are under threat in so many ways, in spite of all the preservation orders on them. Many hedgerow elms are struggling on in spite of Dutch elm disease — but there are few tall elm trees left on our horizons. Acid rain takes its toll. Britain is now one of the least wooded countries in Europe. Yet trees are uniquely precious, both for wildlife and people. The 17th-century poet George Herbert said that sometimes he felt he would like to be a tree, because that way he would be certain of being useful: he would provide fruit or shade, and "some bird would trust / Her household to me, and I should be just."

The danger, perhaps, with some of the tree jollifications next weekend is that the visitors, far from being made more aware of them, will not be able to see the trees for the dressing. If we are really to love our trees as they deserve, we must see their beauty undressed and natural, at all times of year and in all their many forms and moods.

● *A selection of tree dressing events appears on the right. For further information about "Tree Dressing Days", contact Common Ground, 41 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9HJ (071-379 3109). For details about National Tree Week call 071-235 8854. Advice on tree planting from Kevin Hand, Tree Council Project Officer, Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge CB1 2DU.*

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A 1917 illustration from "Old Woman in the Wood" by the brothers Grimm, in which a prince is turned into a tree

TREE LOVE

☐ *The Old Rectory, Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes. Contact Mandy Holland, director (0908 678514).*
The apple tree at the Old Rectory will be dressed with "birds of the world" masks and lanterns. Plus dance performance, shadow puppets, storytelling, fire sculpture, fireworks and a crowman, following an afternoon of tree-based activites, including quiz and craft workshops. Food and drink. Saturday December 4, 3.30-8pm.

☐ *West Cumbria Goundwork Trust, Cumbria. Contact Phil Bradley, woodlands project officer (0946 813677).*
The trust is organising events in West Cumbria. Ewanigg Infants and Allerdale Minde are dressing a tree which grew from a stake outside Maryport Library with white doves, followed by storytelling and a performance. An outreach youth group is dressing a tree at the Whitehaven Civic Centre. Friday, December 3.

☐ *Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury, Oxfordshire. Contact Maureen Jeffery (0295 760205).*
"A Winter Wassail". Local schools will dress the trees in the manor's ancient orchard. The Green Man will help with answers for the children's tree quiz. Mummers and Morris dancers will also perform. Saturday and Sunday December 4 and 5, 10.30am–4pm.

☐ *Pontefract town centre, West Yorkshire. Contact Wakefield Countryside Service / Ratatosk Theatre Company (0924 296200).*
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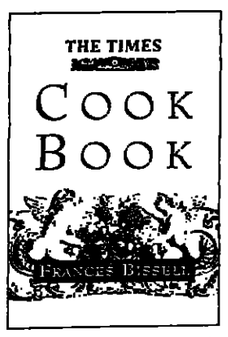
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vices & VIRTUES

1st Sloth: I am slothful, yet I am also a "causaholic" — my word meaning to "get worked up about good causes". This condition causes hyperactivity and makes me a bore for anyone listening. I think work in itself is pointless. I find plenty of causes in the constituency.

2nd Wrath: All things mechanical hate me and demonstrate this by refusing to work for no sensible reason. As hate breeds hate, I reciprocate the feeling. Cars and lawnmowers especially have suffered from my wrath. *Family, friends ... none of these make me* wrathful. John Major? Certainly not, I like him.

3rd Pride: I am proud of my bloodhounds that I have bred over the past 20 years. As working hounds they bear no resemblance to the pathetic creatures shown at Crufts. Their ability to hunt their quarry (any *Times* reader would do) verges on the miraculous and the music of their cry should be heard at the Proms. Other sorts of pride? I'm proud of my children, but it's a closely guarded secret. I never talk about it. I think pride is a bit of a vice. Parents who go on about their children really are rather a nuisance, aren't they?



RICHARD BODY
Conservative MP

4th Envy: I envy New Zealanders. There they are, not too many of them, with the most beautiful country in the world all to themselves. We let them down disgracefully when we joined the EEC, and the Common Agricultural Policy made New Zealand nearly bankrupt.

5th Gluttony: This overtakes me at 4.30pm; it is time for the Commons tea room and a plateful of crumpets and lots of butter. The rest of the time I'm very ungluttonous.

6th Avarice: It doesn't pay. Long ago I entrusted my money to a bunch of idiots at *Lloyd's. They called it marine insurance,* but instead of insuring ships on the high seas the money went on environmental pollution in the middle of north America. Now I'm suffering, like thousands of others; avarice is in my past.

7th Lust: Naughty minds think there's only one connotation, but the lust for power is just as important and it's one of the chapters in the book I'm writing about superstates.

1st Faith: I read the Sermon on the Mount regularly. The longer I live the more convinced I am that we should heed every word. Nothing else matters. I do have a horror of people who trot out their religion, so I'd prefer not to talk about mine. I am a Quaker.

2nd Charity: This lovely word is sadly abused; it's a pity we can't agree to go back to its original meaning. For several decades we've had to speak of love, but now that word is changing its meaning. I don't regard giving money on the *streets as charity; I regard that as self-*indulgence. A lot of people give money to beggars because they feel better than beggars.

3rd Justice: Didn't Aristotle say that between friends there's no need for justice? One day homo sapiens may be wise enough to agree. I think one ought to mete out friendliness, not justice. The bigger the community you live in the more difficult it is for friendships to develop and the greater the need for justice, which is a poor substitute. I was a barrister for 20 years and used to get outraged by injustice.

4th Fortitude: If you believe what you are doing is right, keep going. If not, stop. I have little hope for our poor country: a group of us have been studying trends in the economy: they point to an economic crash in a few years far worse than we've known, with appalling social consequences.

5th Hope: I'm a born optimist. I'd like to advocate a quote of Francis Bacon: he said he was optimistic, but optimistic about nothing.

6th Prudence: The word sounds priggish. As I am nearly blind, I'm very careful about crossing a street. I wait to follow a stranger, which sometimes arouses nasty suspicions. I'm not careful about everything: some people say I'm not always careful what I say to the newspapers. But I don't like to talk too much about myself — too much introspection affects one's character.

7th Temperance: I never drink — except with other people, and then enjoy keeping up with any pace they set.

● *Sir Richard is MP for Holland with Boston.*

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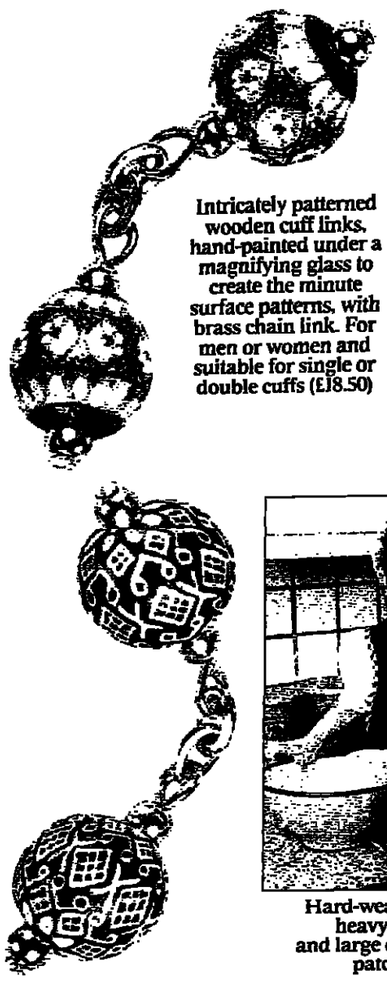
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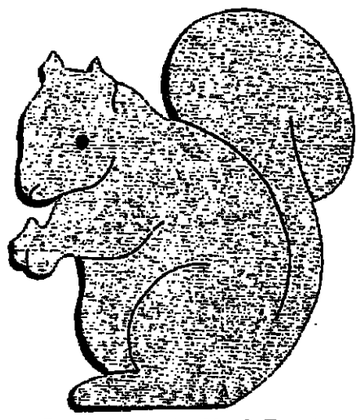
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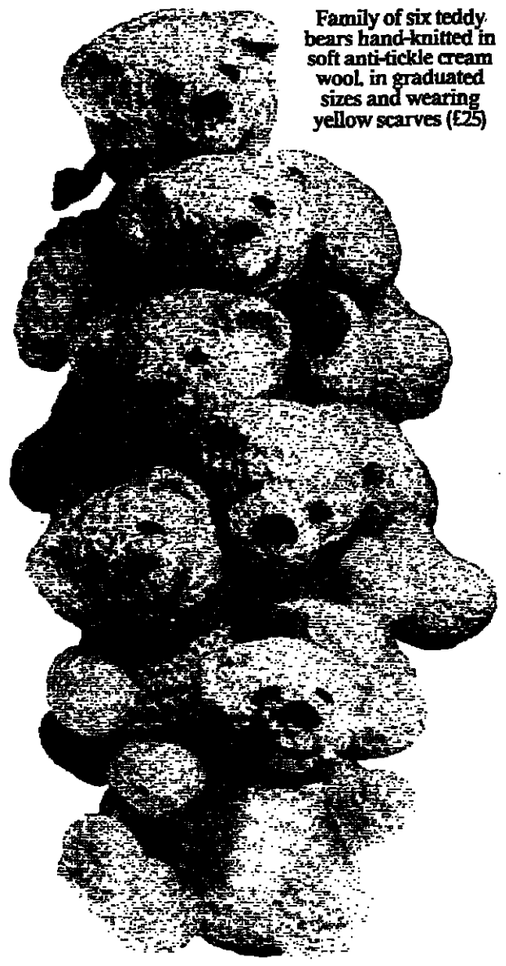
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Retiring but not workshy

A mail-order company is tapping the skills of the retired

Two years ago, fired by a passionate belief that there exists in Britain a vast untapped source of creative talent, Anna Nicholas abandoned her career in public relations to start a search for a workforce made up exclusively of people past retirement age.

Her former job as senior press officer for Help the Aged had put her in touch with elderly people with "brilliant skills" who gave up when they retired. Moving on to work at *The Guinness Book of Records*, she frequently came across older record breakers who had no outlet for their abilities. Frustrated at the waste of so much expertise, she decided to form a small mail-order company specialising in hand-made traditional crafts all created by people past retirement age.

The first Min & Dell catalogue, covered with deep-red embossed card and fastened with a gold tassel, was launched this autumn. If the concept was the brainchild of Miss Nicholas, the inspiration came in part from her two maiden aunts, Minny and Della. Delightful women in their seventies, they talk nonstop, do weight training and underwater aerobics and have won awards for disco dancing, which they took up after retiring from teaching.

Minny and Della's involvement with the company goes far beyond lending their names for a logo. They go on recruitment drives to find more skilled workers for Miss Nicholas. They scour dressmaking classes and craft fairs for hidden talent. When they are not occupied sewing their own clothes, they make children's aprons for Min & Dell, sew zips in jumpers and finish off any garments which need their perfectionist touch.

The aunts are not the only family members involved in Minn & Dell. Miss Nicholas's husband, Alan Stewart, has taken a sabbatical from work to help run the company and advise the workforce on practical matters, such as taxation. The boy modelling children's knitwear in the catalogue is Miss Nicholas's nephew.

Currently, some 150 outworkers are employed by Min & Dell. One lady, whose husband was a Maxwell pension casualty, knits wonderful sets of little cream wool bears with infectious smiles. A former microbiologist makes hand-painted silk scarves in greens, greys and beiges. A former model maker for the Science Museum, an authority on Dutch windmills, fashions working models for collectors. A silversmith living on a barge is also a naturalist, who bases his designs on fossils and objects he finds in the forest near by. His silver ammonite cufflinks are striking.

Scattered all over the country, but forming the core of the company, are the traditional toy makers and the knitters, who make products which range from beech-wood dinosaurs to fine cream wool christening robes and Fair Isle or Arran jumpers for children. Miss Nicholas insists that all her products are made only from natural materials.

Miss Nicholas realised that not only did all these talented older people have no idea how to find a market for the goods they made, they often did not even have the funds to buy materials. Now she uses consultants for each craft. These experts offer advice, supply quality control and provide the workforce with exclusive designs and patterns. Min & Dell also either sends the materials its craftspeople need, or sends money to buy them. The company also pays for the products as soon as they arrive.

When she embarked on her enterprise, Miss Nicholas was inundated with dire predictions and gloomy warnings about the unreliability of old people. Nothing, she says, could be further from the truth. Not only are her home workers scrupulously honest down to the last strand of wool or penny, they are loyal, and not a single one has strayed beyond an agreed deadline. In return, Miss Nicholas sends each a quarterly newsletter and a breakdown of the company's finances.

The couple's holidays are now always planned around visits to at least three or four of the workforce. Many are isolated and enjoy this personal contact, plying their guests with vast quantities of home-made cakes and biscuits.

Although one of the fine knitters presses her shawls between heavy books because she cannot yet afford an iron, and another needs the money for heating bills, Miss Nicholas is adamant that Min & Dell is no sob story. The extra income is valuable to all. One person has now saved enough money to fulfil a lifetime's ambition to go to China; another is holidaying in the Bahamas. What they all have in common is pleasure in being able to continue with their crafts, now that they have an outlet.

And the workforce is growing. No sooner does Miss Nicholas establish a network of craftspeople in one area than Age Concern or Help the Aged bring her news of craft groups in another part of the country. Local police forces now send her information on elderly people to contact. Some have even turned up on her doorstep, crafts in hand.

Miss Nicholas sees everyone she can. After all, she says: "There is only one Durham quilt maker left in the country. At least this is a chance to provide a future for traditional skills before they are all lost."

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Professionals paid to toe the party line

Andrew Lycett meets the planners who let you enjoy your own party

At the Meridien Hotel in London's Piccadilly at 3.30 one autumn afternoon, Diane Fernyhough is planning a smallish dinner party for her barrister husband's fiftieth birthday. Thirty-one people are coming, but with three children and a charity job to occupy her, Mrs Fernyhough does not want the bother of organising it herself.

She has called in a south London party planning firm, Terrific Time, run by Peggy Aylen and her daughter, Alison. This afternoon Mrs Fernyhough is at the hotel sorting out the fine details, such as flower arrangements, with Mrs Aylen. In attendance are Jonathan Wilson, banqueting manager at the Meridien, and two other professionals, who are there to make the party go with a buzz: Natasha Taylor from Laurels, the florist, and the special surprise, David Pearl of The Serenading Service, who will give 15 minutes of operatic arias.

Mrs Fernyhough first started thinking about her husband's birthday during the summer. "We wanted a simple dinner for our nearest and dearest. I rang Peggy, and she instantly suggested the Meridien. I went along and found they had a perfect-sized room with a lovely atmosphere. We booked it, and then I talked to her about having some kind of entertainment." Cost was not particularly important. Mrs Fernyhough has chosen a "middle-range menu" (about £35 a head) from the Meridien, and has asked for special wines, such as an Armagnac from her husband's year of birth. She has remained involved in the arrangements, but "I have washed my hands of the headaches. Peggy makes sure it all happens."

In hiring party planners, Mrs Fernyhough is part of a growing trend. Mrs Aylen's 25-year-old daughter Alison specialises in the younger end of the market. A recent Oxford graduate, she was not at the Meridien meeting, partly because she had not only organised but appeared in a private party the previous evening for Rob Moore, the entrepreneur behind the recent *Viz*-style tabloid Bible called *Behold the Front Page*.

For finding a venue, Terrific Time charges about £50. For £150-£250 the firm will do a complete party plan and commission professionals from among the "tried and tested" caterers, florists, photographers and DJs on its books.

The party for Mr Moore also featured Miss Aylen as part of the Slammers, a group of extrovert cowgirls who weave through a party dispensing vodka from leather holsters. The Slammers, like The Serenading Service, cater for the current taste for some form of diversion or entertainment to get a party off the ground. The Slammers are part of a co-operative called Pots which offers "parties off the shelf". If you do not want the sexy wenches from the Slammers (£150 each), you can have The Media Circus, "a team of fake paparazzi photographers", or Spanner in the Works, a bunch of clowning waiters "who reduce a party to hilarity in seconds", according to Mark Walmsley, the man behind Pots.

At the upper end of the party planning market, there are names such as the Chance Organisation, William Bartholomew Party Organising (run by the brother of the Princess of Wales's one-time best friend, Carolyn Bartholomew), and the rather more esoteric Admirable Crichton. In recent years the Chance Organisation has done the Queen Mother's ninetieth birthday, Princess Margaret's sixtieth, the Princess Royal's fortieth, and Prince Andrew's thirtieth.

The company grew out of the success of Stowe-educated Andrew Chance's band, Chance. He added discotheques, lighting and dance-floors, and now has four full-time bands working for him. His discotheque and lighting can be hired for just £1,000, but he says, "I don't think you'd be talking to us if you've only got £1,000 to spend." The cheapest dance with food and drink costs £2,500, but he is more at home with the kind of extravaganza he orchestrated for the Caring family in the Natural History Museum, where, with three bands, lasers and caterers, there was no change from £125,000. Prices for this sort of event go up to £200,000. And one nameless customer exceeded this with his requirement to have the London Symphony Orchestra playing during dinner, Rowan Atkinson performing after, fireworks on a lake, and then dancing to Belinda Carlisle and Kool and the Gang.

Mr Chance says his clients generally look for "good creative ideas on venues, themes, food and entertainment. I try to ascertain what they're trying to achieve and vaguely how much money they feel comfortable spending." His main tip to party-givers: watch for power cuts. "Unless the electricity supply is certain don't even go in to bat."

If the Chance Organisation scores with its musical expertise, Mr Batholomew's speciality is logistics, particularly the siting of marquees, while the Admirable Crichton owns its own catering firm and, according to founder Johnny Roxburgh, is "pretty good at giving a place £28,000-worth of gloss". He has just had his best month in 12 years.

Like most party planners, Mr Bartholomew subcontracts catering and floral arrangements. One of four catering companies he regularly uses is the Lumsden Twins who, working out of their own premises, charge £55-£70 a head for a full formal sit-down dinner, including linen, china and bar equipment, but not wine. A canapé party works out at £14 a head. The Lumsdens have solved the perennial problem of ensuring the right staff by establishing their own agency, Esprit and Decorum.

Doyenne of party planners is Lady Elizabeth Anson, who heads Party Planners. After 33 years in the business, she is not too proud to send out letters to mothers of daughters whose engagements have been announced in the papers. "If you had a wedding every year, you'd know exactly where to find the right caterer, the best value marquee, the photographer, the printer, wine merchant, choral soloist, toastmaster, and the rest." For £90 an hour plus value-added tax, a mother can consult Lady Elizabeth in her office.

Lady Elizabeth gets most satisfaction from helping people cut their party costs. If your caterer suggests freshly squeezed orange juice in large glasses, she counsels, you will end up with a hefty bill, because people tend to leave their glasses behind when they go to the dance floor. By the same token, a few strategically placed floral arrangements "will not only look glorious, but can actually help the way people circulate".

Her ultimate aim is to "make guests feel wanted, loved and at home". That way the hostess can relax and enjoy her own party. Lady Elizabeth should know. She first had the idea of Party Planners at her own coming-out dance, when she was so worried about the details that she failed to have a wonderful time.

Below, Andrew Chance with some of his party-planning team meet banqueting staff of the Dorchester to discuss details



DENZIL MCNEELANCE

Party-watchers

HERE are some views of parties, fictional and otherwise.

A.N. Wilson in *Daughters of Albion*, catching a touch of party greed: "Not much in the way of a buffet had been provided ... Lady Augusta had none the less managed to arm herself *with a side plate and* heap it with some salted nuts, about eight olives and some sausage rolls. She was the only person in the room who was eating ... It would certainly be an unkindness to approach her, lest she mistook a harmless social advance as a covert attempt on her salted peanuts."

Mr Woodhouse in **Jane Austen's** *Emma* was against all social gatherings: "The sooner every party breaks up the better," he said.

His soundalike, **P.G. Wodehouse**, had a party-loving kinsman: "My Uncle George discovered alcohol as a food well in advance of medical thought."

Playwright **Joe Orton** on a Sixties tea party at the Simon Wards: "We talked of slavery ... during tea. We talked of murder until half past five and fat children until I left at six. A pleasant afternoon."

And **John Betjeman** fell in love with a girl called Wendy at a party:

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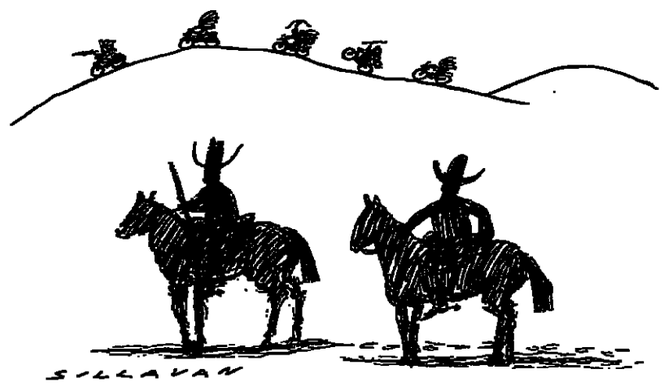
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THE DEFINITION
On the tip: musical term most frequently associated with earnest young men with goatees. Originally used to describe a musical style, as in "on a soul tip". Not to be confused with a shopping trip or rubbish tip.

THE POET
Billy Childish is less of a moon/spoon/June poet, and more of a blud/wisky/ciggaret man (he's dyslexic). His latest shock to the system is *Poems of Laughter and Violence*, a compelling collection of his work from 1981-86 (£9 from Hangman Books).

THE TATTOO
Top Soho tattooist Dennis Cockell reveals what's going on in the tattooed jungle. Traditional hearts and flowers are still favourite for women, while men want dragons, tigers and Celtic designs under their skin.

THE MODEL
The face to replace bland male models is Mistaboom, chosen to advertise new Covent Garden shop Burro's distinctive "twisted" classics (loud check suits, Lurex shirts). Mistaboom is growing

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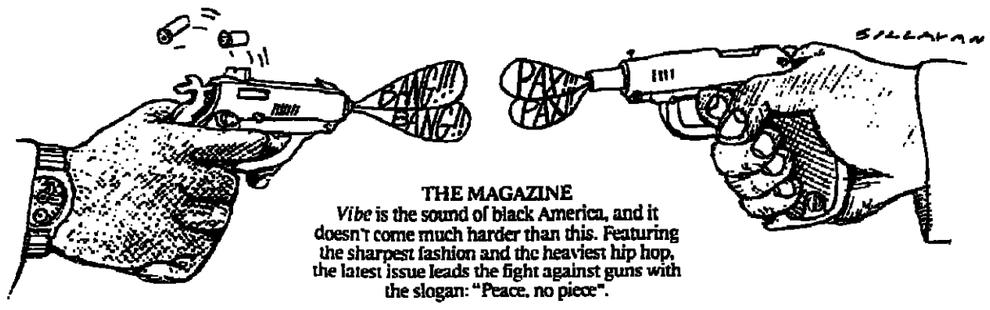
the letters of the alphabet on his face using his beard and moustache. Currently sporting an "E", he reckons it will take him two years to get to "Z". *(Burro, 071-240 5120)*

THE CARTOON
Soon there'll be no avoiding Beavis and Butthead, the politically incorrect heavy metal creatures currently storming MTV. Channel 4 has bought the series which will go out in the new year. Teen-Butthead mania is on its way.

THE MOTORBIKE
Indians are sexier, hipper and rarer than Harleys. Production stopped in 1953, and Alan Forbes of Motolux is now sole UK source. But such exclusively doesn't come cheap: a restored Chief goes for between £13,000-£17,000. *(031-557 5807)*

SPOT THE CULT: TRUE OR FALSE?
A) Waiter-paging restaurant service. B) *The* new party venue is the last 36B bus leaving Victoria on Saturday night. C) You can have your old banger converted into a sauna. D) The Curtain Net Advisory Bureau has decreed that nets are in this year.
Answers
A) True. In the States, Motorola pagers make sure you get the waiter's attention. B) False. Trains to Amsterdam, yes. Buses to Catford, no. C) False. However, Dali's prototype lives on in his museum near Barcelona. D) False. The CNAB closed several years ago, so the public will have to decide.

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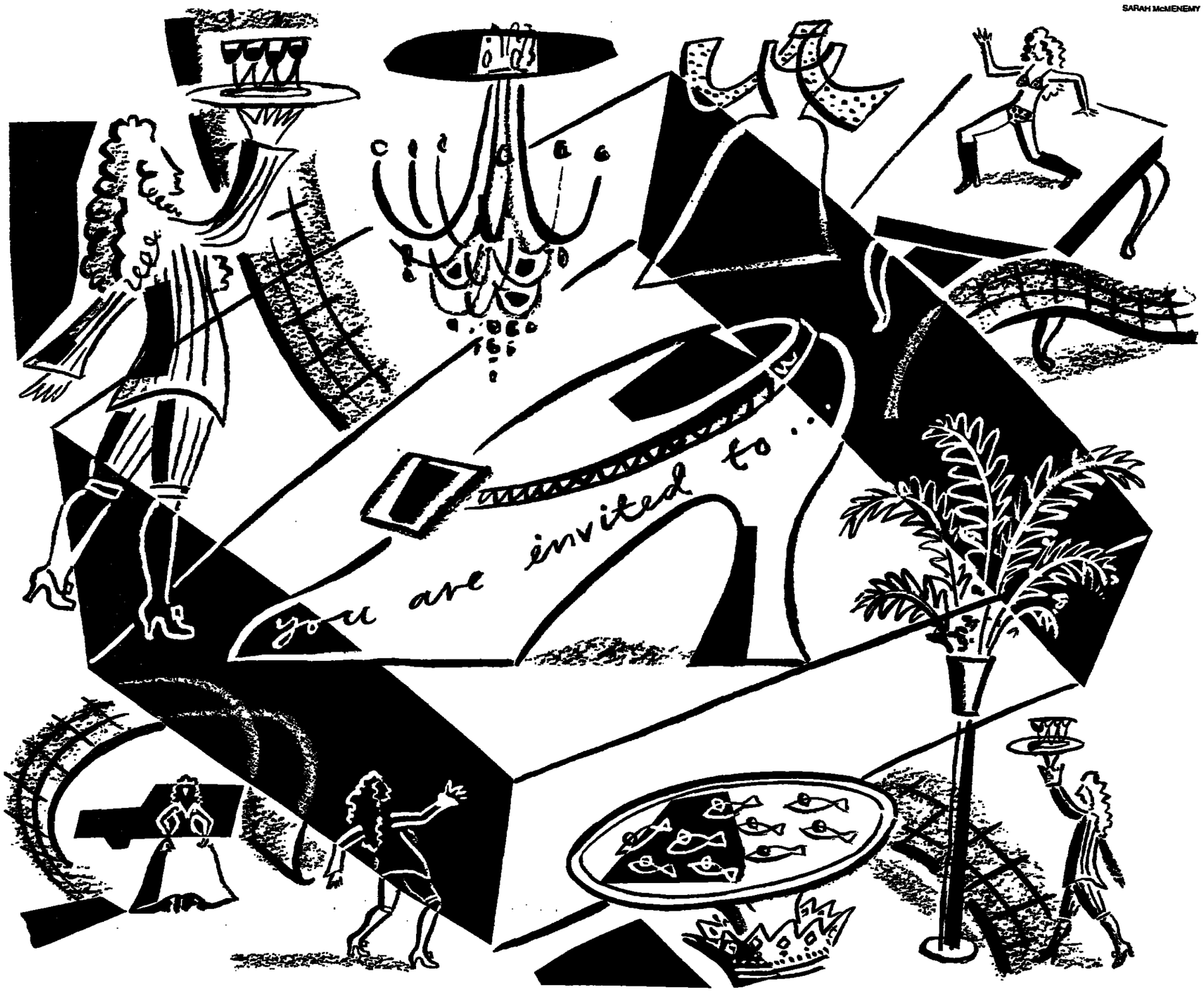


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SARAH McMENEMY

Party poopers

IF YOU go to a party in the state of New York, get drunk, drive home and have an accident, you can sue your host for feeding you the alcohol. The host is legally responsible for the sobriety of his guests.

Indeed, throughout the United States a whole new set of rules about party manners has grown up. Getting drunk at a party is now not simply a mild social misdeamour; it is politically incorrect.

The sensitive guest may arrive with a gift of flowers or chocolate, but rarely wine these days. If he does the bottle will be politely accepted, but not opened. At grand dinner parties you may be served a single glass.

This is a far cry from the good old days. Dorothy Parker, who partied more than most, once told a friend: "One more drink and I'd have been under the host."

Now, if you arrive with friends at a drinks party, the DD among your group is an important personage. The DD is the Dedicated Driver, who will not touch a drop of alcohol. The host or hostess will ask who the DD is and watch over them.

Your invitation to any kind of gathering will state firmly when the evening ends. If it says the party's over at 10pm, the party's over at 10pm. There is no sitting around in the small hours having just one more whisky with old friends.

A friend who left what used to be Fleet Street to work on one of those sensational tabloids produced in Florida tells me: "The only time anyone gets drunk here is at parties given for and by expatriate Brits."

Flirting at parties in the States is politically incorrect, of course. A man I know asked the host if he might compliment the hostess, a famed feminist, on her dress.

"Only if you're a fag," was the politically incorrect reply.

FRANK JEFFERY

Party-goers

TO CELEBRATE her 500th romantic novel, **Barbara Cartland's** publishers planned a party. But by the time the party was held she had written many more. The celebration was actually for the 528th book.

At a hen night party on the eve of her wedding, **Caroline Horner** fell in love with the disc jockey and jilted her bridegroom. She married the DJ a few weeks later.

Art gallery owner **Peter Johnson** found 30 other Peter Johnsons to attend a shindig. "My party has more members than the Lib-Dems in the Commons," he said.

When a Merseyside police party got out of hand, police had to be called from another station.

The **Queen's** three garden parties each year entertain 8,000 guests in the palace's back yard.

In the US big companies take out insurance against claims of sexual harassment at their Christmas parties.

Film producer **David Puttnam** on a £500-a-head Labour Party fundraising champagne dinner: "Nothing is too good for a socialist."

The world's biggest party — actually a series of linked parties — may have been Bill Clinton's inauguration bash. There were 250,000 guests.

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Slaying 'em in the slaughterhouse

Victorian gore or desert island? **Hattie Ellis** on how to make party dreams come true



Marlon Brando's motorbike is in the men's loo, the waiters look like Elvis and the canapés include mini hot dogs and hamburgers. These are details from a 1950s party created by Urban Party Culture, a London-based party production team that aims to refresh the weary appetites of the "been there, eaten that" party-goer.

Set up by two New Zealanders in 1991 to fill what they saw as a lack of contemporary style within a world of ruched marquees and discreet service, the company has struck a chord with media types and other metropolitan movers. *Vogue* and Channel Four are among recent clients, and events with the Prince's Trust, the English National Opera and the Royal Academy are in the pipeline.

Jobs often come from the film world. They recently organised an Asian banquet, set in a petal-strewn Buddhist temple and with waiters in saffron robes, for the private launch of director Bernado Bertolucci's latest film, *The Little Buddha*. Prices range from £3,000 to £100,000, the number of guests from 30 to 2,000. More than half their work is business presentations for clients who want a stylish image and a night to remember.

"People can be pretty jaded in cities once they've been around a few years, so you have to try to refresh," says David Scholefield, co-director of the company. "It's not necessarily by overloading with a hundred more lights and more smoke. If you increase the beats per minute they will drop dead. The urban lot are looking for new ways to get together."

Their answer is to plan each party as a theatrical production, filled with references to contemporary culture, from Peter Greenaway baroque to 1950s rock 'n' roll.

They often build a "set" instead of relying on a hotel room for scenery. For example, a Notting Hill hall was turned into the Hollywood Bowl with 200 trees and a film-projected sky at a birthday party for film director Stephen Frears.

Waiting staff are auditioned and vetted for designer labels. Costumes and props are made or hired from theatrical wardrobes. Musical acts playing torch songs and kitsch 1960s pop are laid on mid-evening to raise the sense of drama. Creations of flowers, greenery and vegetables ("post-structural arrangements") are done by a team called Avant Gardener.

Mr Scholefield and his co-director, Jonathan Rutherfurd-Best, seek out places off the well-trampled party circuit to entertain party-goers who have been to the same night-clubs once too often. A Gothic mansion, a turn-of-the-century music hall and a subterranean Victorian slaughterhouse are some of their recent London locations. Mr Scholefield believes going to an unusual place creates a sense of occasion. "People have to be taken out of their everyday reality at a party, when you're bringing together disparate groups of people who might not easily loosen up and shake down together," he says. "It's exciting to go somewhere you've never been before."

Mr Scholefield once organised a surprise party on a desert island in the Pacific for a club of Australian millionaires under 40. "They thought they were dropping off from their yacht for a drink," he says. "But we'd used helicopters and landing craft to bring stages, kitchens and bands on to the island. They got off the boat and waiters appeared from out of the bush with trays of drinks."

Even the invitations are designed to raise excitement. For the British launch of the macabre television murder story *Twin Peaks* they sent out invitations in police evidence bags with a tuft of the victim's hair.

Messrs Scholefield and Rutherfurd-Best have worked around the world in many different fields of entertainment, and their experience includes both Australian cabaret and launching Westland-Augusta helicopters. They believe their cosmopolitan and varied backgrounds mean they can break free of the traditional approach to parties.

Their attitude to service certainly has a truly antipodean lack of servility. Waiting staff avoid the tradition of black-and-white anonymity but come dressed for the occasion. At a promotion for the Sindy doll's thirtieth birthday, they were dolled up like Sindy and her toy boyfriend Ken in matching wigs and make-up.

At one wedding banquet, staff paraded up to the high table carrying aloft food on platters, accompanied by a Purcell trumpet piece.

The New World influence extends to the modish and gutsy range of food, which tends towards the eclectic: the latest Brazilian cocktail; *foccacia* with caramelised fennel, olives and artichoke hearts; crab and water chestnut won tons; Cape gooseberries dipped in white chocolate; and grilled pecan pound cake with mascarpone and maple syrup.

"People come to us because they want style, they want something quirky and interesting and not a typical vol-au-vents and pink marquee event," says Mr Rutherfurd-Best. "We've had very conservative clients who love it. People go pretty wild when they see they are being treated to something special. People propose at our parties."

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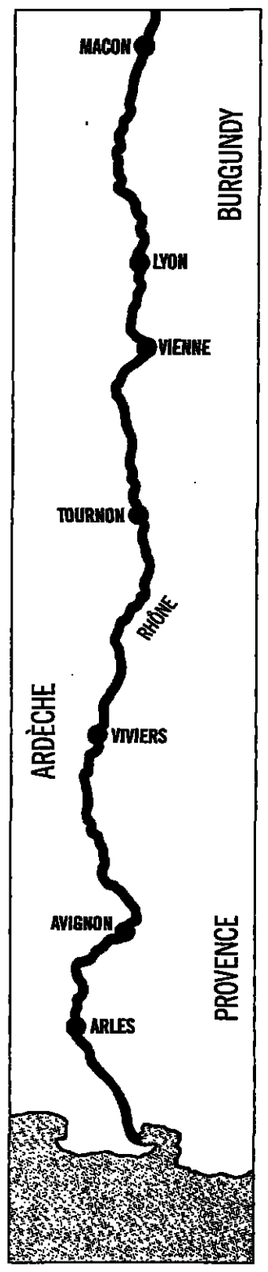


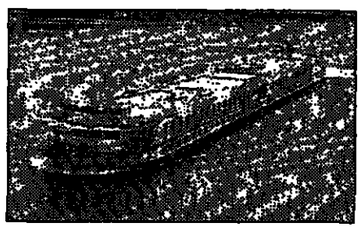
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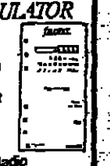
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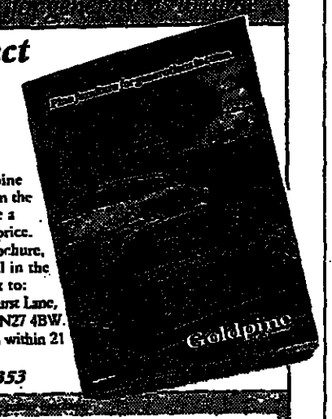
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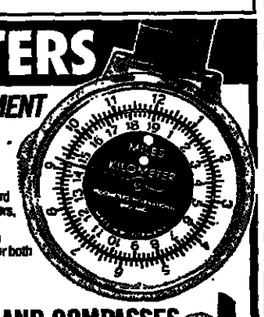
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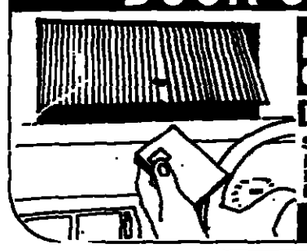
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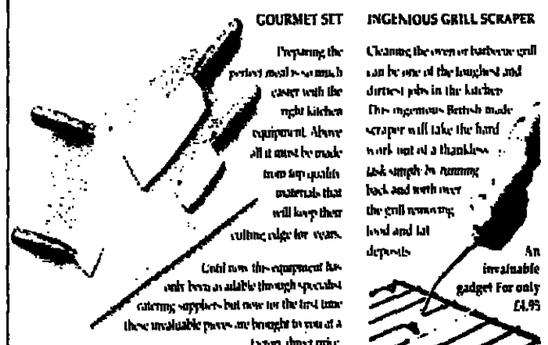
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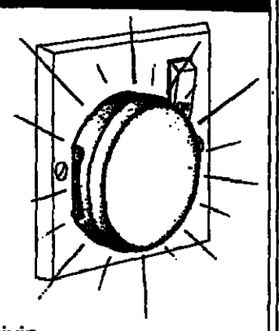
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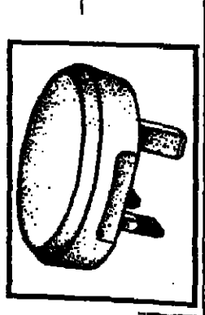
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First tiny steps into the panto footlights



For many a star-struck child the amateur pantomime is an introduction to the stage. Lynne Greenwood drops in on rehearsals to talk to some of the budding actors





JOHN ANGERSON





Lights, music . . . the Bramham Babes of Yorkshire take their first step towards stardom at a rehearsal for *Jack and the Beanstalk*

Nine little girls in leotards and flouncy satin skirts huddle behind the curtain on stage, their excitement at the first dress rehearsal overcoming the chill of the draughty church hall. Aged between four and six, they are waiting to go through their routine for Mary Batt, a professional dance teacher. These are the youngest members of the cast of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, this year's choice by the villagers of Bramham, West Yorkshire, for their annual pantomime.

Five of these Bramham Babes, peeping from behind the curtain, await their musical cue to run on and hand flowers to the Princess, who is warmly dressed in jeans and sweater. As they stand demurely behind her, one child waves to her mother, another sucks a finger, and a third lifts her skirt over her face.

"When you run on, can you please look keen and eager?" asks Mrs Batt, an examiner for the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing who runs a class in the village . Her daughter, Georgina, five, is one of the dancers.

The children run on for the fourth time. "Do we *have* to do it again?" pipes a squeaky voice.

They move on to their dance routine, pointing toes, closing feet together, swaying when the music changes, spinning around and finally turning back to face Mrs Batt — but not all at the same time.

The pantomime is very much a village affair. The local GP, John Nicholls, plays the dame, his daughter Rachel is one of the dancers. Paul French, a financial accountant who relocated from East Sussex 18 months ago, is the giant, his wife Alison, a former designer, is in charge of costumes, and their son and daughter are dancers. Keith Richards, an account manager with a food company, is directing the show and his next door neighbour printed the tickets. A woman from across the road is organising the teas, another couple providing ice-creams, and a brave volunteer is making 300 wands.

Mr Richards chose *Jack and the Beanstalk* because it involves a cow — a first for the Bramham panto — and organised a dance in the village hall to raise £90 to hire the cow costume from a theatrical supplier.

As yet, the younger children are unaffected by potential stardom and practise without a pause, or a pose for the photographer working at their feet. But the junior dancers, the nine to 11-year-olds, are already star struck: they are rehearsing the number "Jailhouse Rock", dressed in black with black and gold waistcoats, clicking their fingers, and looking like the kids from *Fame*.

Lucy Clark is nine, and her theatrical biography already includes *Aladdin*, *Dick Whittington* and *Cinderella*. "Last year I was a villager and I had to say something," she said. "I sometimes get nervous but I like acting. This year my mum is playing the giant's wife and my dad is doing the lighting."

Amateur pantomime plays a large part in the Christmas calendar of church and village halls throughout the country and provides thousands of children with their first chance to be on stage.

Some local drama groups get together only once a year, but for the Mossley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, the panto is one of several productions. The society, at Mossley, near Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, began auditions and rehearsals for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* last September. The show will go on in mid-January.

The cast of about 80 includes six junior dancers, who are rehearsing twice a week. Dionne Clarke, 12, first appeared in pantomime as an under-five. "It's really exciting wondering whether you'll get in after the auditions," she says. "Then when the letter comes, you feel you daren't open it. This year 13 girls auditioned for six places."

The society will put on seven shows in a hall which holds 500, but the last night, a Saturday, is the one which creates most excitement. "When we arrive on the Saturday we always give one another a little present," Dionne says. "That night we really give it everything."

Vicky Hopton, a Manchester United fan, has been chosen to play Snow White. In her "Reds" football shirt, jeans and trainers she is rehearsing her first encounter with the seven dwarfs, although only six have turned up. "My dance teacher suggested I audition for the part," says Vicky, 14. "I was surprised, but pleased to get it." She learnt most of her lines while sunbathing on a half-term holiday with her family in Tenerife. Now she is unsure whether to aim for a career as an actress or a secretary.

Adam Lockwood, seven, is a long way from thinking about a career. He just knows he loves football, basketball, running, swimming and skating. This year he is a chicken in *Wizard of Oz on Ice* at the John Nike Leisure Complex at Bracknell, Berkshire. This follows his début role as Felix the Cat in *Cinderella* last year. His mother, Andrea, says: "He was very unskilled last year and fell over a lot. But they bounce at that age, so he just got up and got on with it."

This time, after coaching courses and private lessons, Adam is showing some talent. "I wear a chicken outfit this time and I'm involved in the pantomime twice," says Adam, who lives close to the ice rink. "I don't mind practising and rehearsing. It's all good fun."

Chris Howarth, the skating co-ordinator at the rink who is assisted by ten professional coaches, says 70 per cent of his cast of 240 are children aged from four upwards. A similar number of youngsters at the ice rinks in Bristol and Hull are rehearsing the same show, and will be joined in turn by the ten professional members from Bracknell. "The children love being in the panto," Mr Howarth says. "Most have watched skating on television and joined one of our courses. But it's not easy controlling them all on the night of the show — it's amazing how many disappear to the lavatory just at the crucial moment."

● *For information about joining the cast or helping backstage at a pantomime, contact your local school, church, post office or tourism office.* Jack and the Beanstalk, *Bramham village hall, near Wetherby, W.Yorks, Dec 1-4 (tickets 0937 845241).* Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, *George Lawton Hall, Mossley, near Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, Jan 17-22 (tickets 045-783 2705).* The Wizard of Oz on Ice, *Bristol Ice Rink, Dec 10-12 (0272 292148). John Nike Leisure Sport Complex, Bracknell, Berks, Dec 15-19 (0344 860033). Humberside Ice Arena, Hull Dec 21-22 (0482 252252).*

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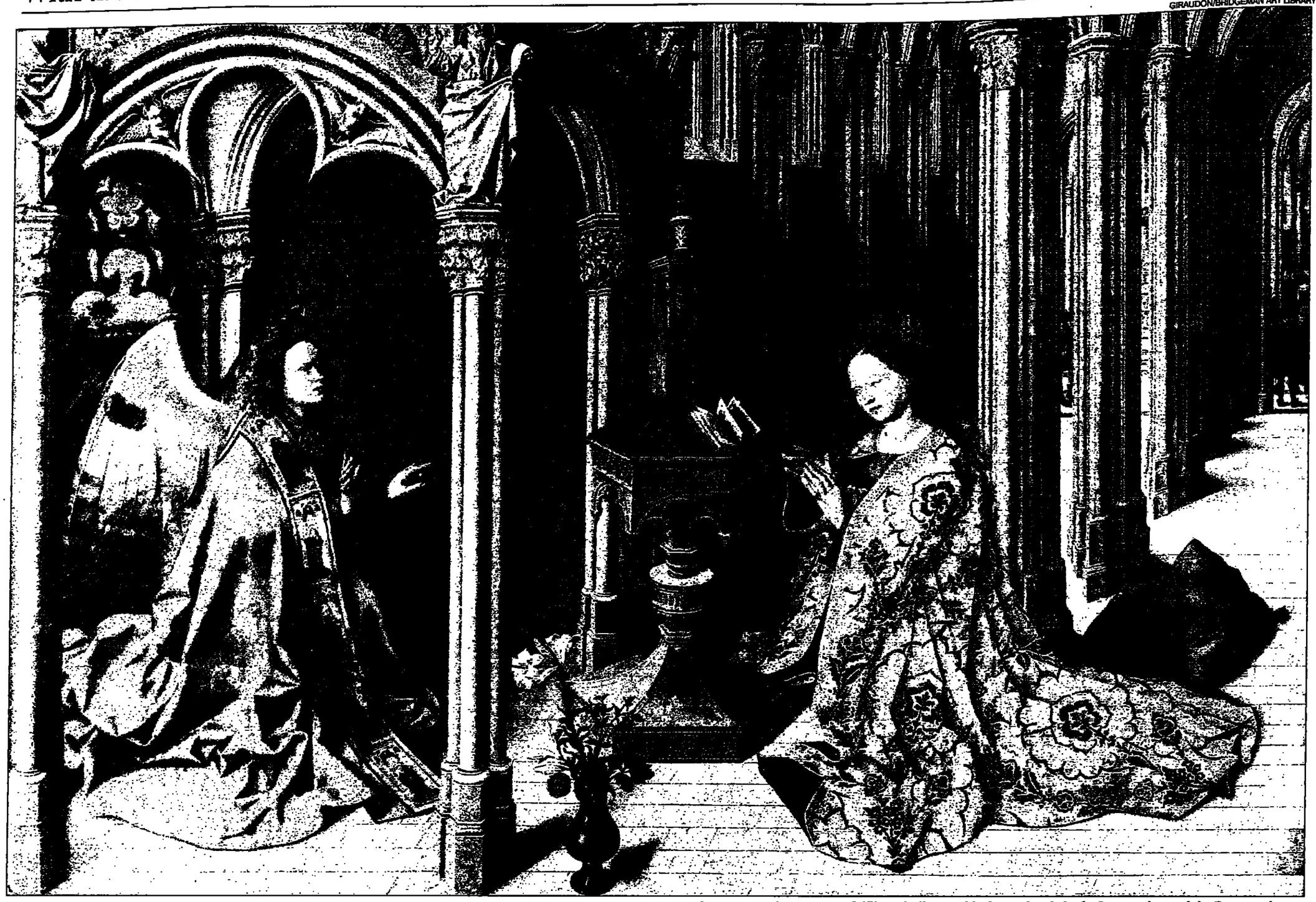
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Angels from the realms of glory

THE word angel is derived from the Greek angelos, *which is equivalent to the Hebrew word* mal'akh, *meaning messenger. The prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah speak of winged creatures that guard the throne of God. With or without wings, the concept of spiritual intermediaries between the divine and earthly realms was known to the ancient Egyptians and common to many middle-eastern beliefs. The Evangelists, faced with the task of relating the life of Christ and His divine nature, therefore had a means of communication that would be readily recognised. During His life Christ's miracles were evidence of His divine nature. His birth and His death, however, demanded external indicators — enter the angels.*

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Detail from Van Eyck's *Three Marys at Christ's Grave*

Angels play an important part in Advent. It can scarcely be denied that the two crucial points in the narrative of Jesus are the Incarnation and the Resurrection. In the gospel according to Matthew both events are announced supernaturally by an angel called an "angel of the Lord", that is, not just by *any* messenger (*angelos* is Greek for "messenger") but a messenger sent by God.

In the gospel according to Matthew the father, Joseph, dreams that the "angel of the Lord" appears to him, announces that Mary has been made pregnant by the Spirit of God, and gives him instructions on how to proceed. At the end of the story, when the women come to the tomb where Jesus' body has been placed, another "angel of the Lord" descends from heaven, rolls away the stone which blocked the tomb, sits down upon it and, having told the women that "He (Jesus) is not here: He has risen", instructs them what to do.

There is much here that is remarkable. First it is taken for granted that the reader knows who or what "an angel of the Lord" is: Joseph sees a figure in his dream and says to himself at once, "That is an angel of the Lord." The "angel of the Lord" who meets the women at the tomb is described as wearing "clothes as white as snow": but the women do not hesitate to believe and obey his communication.

Secondly, the angel in each case gives information which could not otherwise be known: he fulfils an indispensable dramatic role. In the case of Joseph, the angel is a dream figure — the apparition is removed an extra stage from reality. What the reader was to understand is that an angel was the agency for making known what would otherwise have remained unknown. Without the angel Joseph could never have known who was the father of the child.

Unfortunately, we do not know how Mark treated the event, because the first few sentences of his gospel have been lost. In Luke's gospel, however, the fatherhood of the child is announced not to the putative father but — to whom else? — to the mother, and in advance. Moreover, the angel ceases to be a dream and becomes an actual physical presence. Luke even knows his name: "the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph". Mary, the only witness, was evidently in no doubt about the authority or the identity of the apparition.

But Luke had further use for angels. He introduced them again after the pregnant mother had moved from Nazareth to Bethlehem. There were "shepherds abiding in the field" and "an angel of the Lord" appeared to them. The apparition was authenticated by being accompanied by "the glory of the Lord" and the message was confirmed by the unique circumstances in which the shepherds were to find the child ("this shall be to you a sign"). The scene did not conclude until the angel had been joined by "a multitude of the host of heaven", later paraphrased as "the angels". So Luke had in his mind the fact that the individual angel was a member of a larger number, from whom messengers could be detached and dispatched at will.

Luke addressed himself very seriously to the announcement to the women at the tomb. They found, he says, the stone already rolled away, and the tomb empty. It was in their perplexity that *two* human figures — not just one — appeared and delivered the message. "He is not here: He has risen". Like the angel who appeared to the shepherds, the two witnesses were "in shining clothing". Luke has been thinking hard. He was puzzled by the fact that Matthew's angel actually rolled the stone away and did not content himself with delivering his message: it was the phenomenon of a tomb already open and empty for which he contrived to give a supernatural explanation, and that explanation was given not by an angel but by two figures not described as "angels".

The angel of the Resurrection refused to go away. John also caused the women to find the tomb empty. They summoned Peter and John; but Mary remained on the spot, and, looking in, she discerned "two angels in white", whom she asked where the body had been taken. Before they could reply, Jesus Himself appeared and the incident *noli me tangere* occurred. The scene in John is, as so often, an incomparably superior piece of drama. Yet its derivation, through Luke from Matthew, remains unmistakable: only an irrefutable event has replaced the angelic affirmation.

Affirmation, the affirmation of what, being supernatural, can only be the subject of faith, remains the function, from Nativity to Resurrection, of "an angel of the Lord". There is a natural explanation for a pregnancy, as there is a natural explanation for an empty tomb: but the gospel bridges the gap between natural and supernatural by drawing upon a resource with which readers were sufficiently familiar to accept it without query. God had messengers at his disposal for sending a notification to mankind without which it would remain in ignorance of what it most needed to know. The messengers, who carried with them a reflection of the celestial light, formed a corps at God's disposal for his purpose. By what mechanism — wings or the like — they came or went was to provide material for the reflection and experiment of whole generations of artists.

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Boldly going into builders' jargon

End the tyranny of construction obfuscation — hire a project manager to take the strain, says **James Hepburn**

Anyone who has ever owned anything knows the problem. Whether it is a car, a radio, a lawn mower or an Anglepoise lamp, one day it will go wrong. Either you throw it away or you take it to an expert. The expert will tell you, in a language that might as well be Uzbek, exactly what the problem is, how much it will cost and how long it will take to fix it. Sometimes you can trust the expert and sometimes you cannot. It is impossible to tell. He is, after all, the only person who understands a word he is saying.

With houses or flats the problem is greater: the source of the problem is bigger. The roof leaks. The windows have rotted away. You want the bathroom moved to the garage or a Jacuzzi fitted in the attic. The builder arrives, gazes in silence at the wall, scratches his chin and shoves a roll-up in his mouth. Finally he speaks: "Of course, you'll have to re-lay the damp course ... oh dear, I don't like the look of that ... did you fit that yourself?" From the moment he opens his mouth, you are lost. Either you throw away your house or you put yourself in his hands.

I went to Pimlico, southwest London, to meet a man who offers an alternative. Lester Stump is a project manager. He stands between you and the wild world of supporting beams and reinforced steel joists.

Having limited imagination, I expected to find some sort of super interior designer — an exquisite vision in lavender slacks and scented cravat with strong views on flock wallpaper. Instead Mr Stump turned out to be a straightforward Australian with no discernable views on wallpaper of any sort.

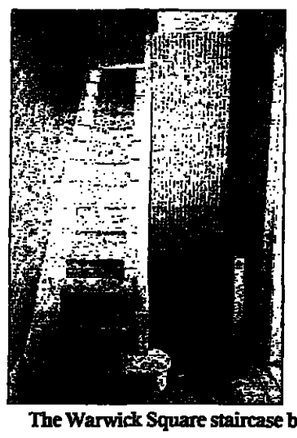
Mr Stump's background is in commercial construction. He trained and practised as a project manager for office and large residential developments. In 1989, he was asked to keep an eye on refurbishment of a private house while the owner was abroad. The job went off successfully. It occurred to Mr Stump that here was an untapped market. He went full time into project management for smaller fry.

The main advantage of using someone such as Mr Stump is that he guarantees that the job is completed to agreed quality and specifications within time and budget. He charges an hourly fee for planning and preconstruction work and then a flat fee for the construction period.

A month ago, he showed me around his work in progress — the renovation of a two-floor, two-bedroom flat in Warwick Square, Pimlico. As properties do during building work, the flat looked like the aftermath of a Zeppelin raid. Mr Stump seemed pretty calm as we picked our way through the debris, pointing out Jacuzzis, demolished walls and uprooted flooring and explaining the way he went about his work.



Lorenzo Smith (left) with project manager Lester Stump



The first stage is to get an idea of what the client wants and then to work out whether it is practical for what the client can afford. Mr Stump's aim is to avoid any surprises. If the final result differs from the picture in the client's mind, then Mr Stump has a dissatisfied customer and his references dry up.

Once the job specifications are agreed, he organises the tender process. Sometimes this will only involve building or decorating work. For larger jobs it may include architect's fees and interior designers. One big advantage of using a project manager is that he can buy fittings and materials (often left by the builder for the client to buy) at trade prices and pass on the savings directly to the customer.

Once Mr Stump has a realistic budget and timetable, he interprets these for the client. Once the work is agreed, he will co-ordinate and oversee, dropping by continually to make sure of quality and timing.

Three weeks later, like a *Blue Peter* presenter, I came back to Warwick Square to see the final product. The walls were painted, the floors were carpeted and the Jacuzzi was in place. The light-fittings were installed, although, since the lighting was concealed, I could not find them. The huge £11,000 kitchen unit was ready to cook in. Lorenzo Smith, the flat's owner, had moved back in. He was happy. He was so happy that he had decided to live in the place rather than rent it out. The work had been completed to the hour of the plan.

It does not have to be Warwick Square. Mr Stump has handled new bathrooms costing £3,500 up to house rebuilding for £140,000.

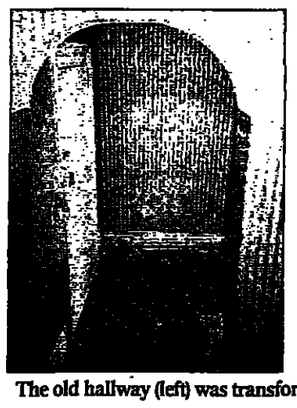
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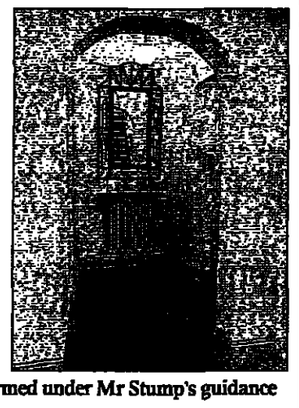
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The Warwick Square staircase before (left) and after the renovation under Mr Stump's management



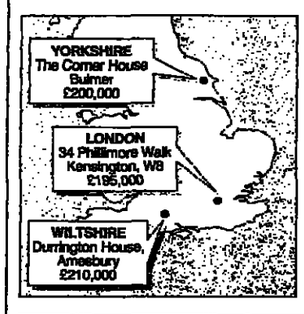


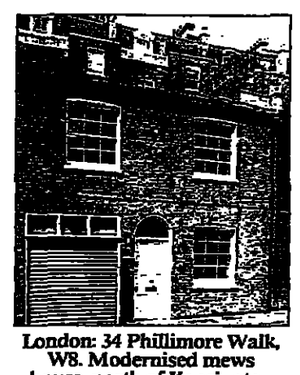
The old hallway (left) was transformed under Mr Stump's guidance



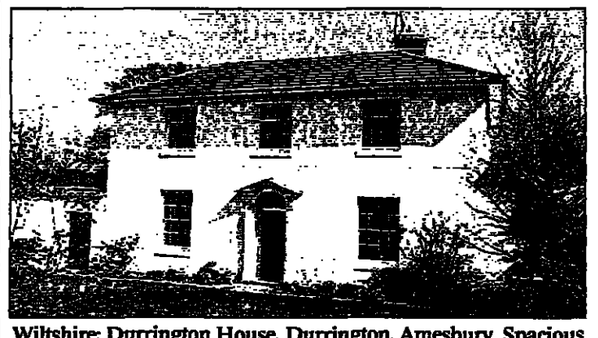
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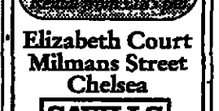


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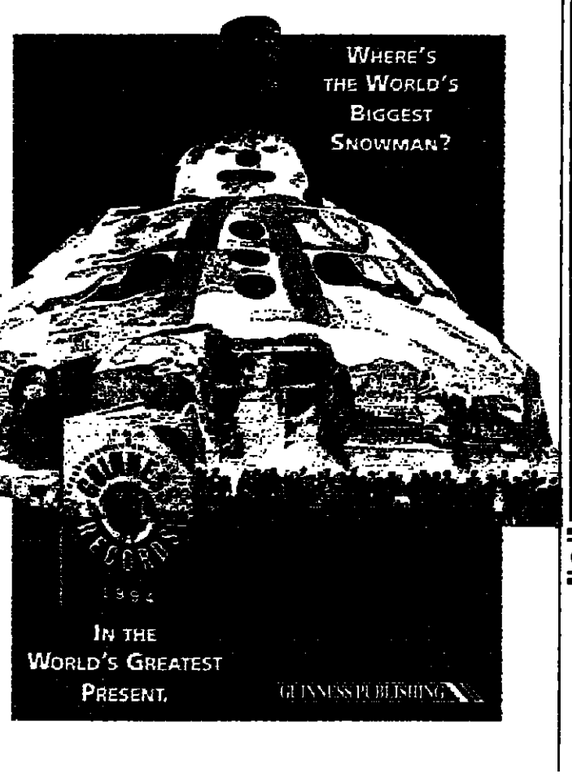
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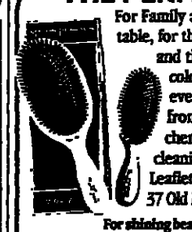
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CABARET. Jane Horrocks as Sally Bowles and Alan Cumming as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Previews from Dec 2, 8pm. Opens Dec 9, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. mats Wed, Sat 3pm.

CAROUSEL: Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin. The sets are clever
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

CELESTINA. Actors Touring Company presents this 1499 classic, as familiar in Spain as *Hamlet* over here, with Ann Firbank as the old bawd.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081 741 2311). Preview Nov 30, 8pm. Opens Dec 1, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat 3.30pm. Until Dec 11.

HOW TO ACT BETTER: Acclaimed performance artist Annie Griffin offers an entertainment about the craft of acting.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354), opens Tues until Dec 11, 9.30pm.

JANE EYRE. Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith in the well-known romantic melodrama. Fay Weldon adapts, Helena Kaut-Howson directs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). From Wed, 7.45pm. Opens Dec 7, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Nigel Hawthorne's award-winning performance of blasted, resilient monarchy. Thirty perfs only.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens Mon, 7.30pm. Then in repertoire.

ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE: Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders together in a new comedy by the author of the film *Beaches*.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Previews from Fri, 8.45pm. Opens Dec 15, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES: Ian McDiarmid plays Amolphe, heading a strong cast in Molière's affecting comedy.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews from Thurs, 8pm. Opens Dec 8, 7pm. Until Jan 22.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Back for the really and truly last time, but running until March. Desmond Barrit as Mr Toad.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens Wed, 7.15pm. Then in repertoire.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Patsy Byrne plays the wild and wonderful medium, Madame Arcati, in *Blithe Spirit*.
Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 7, 7.30pm. Until Jan 29.

LEEDS: Sheila Hancock plays Rose, epitome of the star's pushy mother, in *Gypsy*. Music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Sondheim.
Quarry Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Previews from today, 8pm. Opens Wed, 7.30pm. Until Jan 29.

MOLD: The adaptors of last year's *Christmas Carol* offer Dickens's *Great Expectations*.
Theatre Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7pm. Opens Dec 6, 7pm. Until Jan 22.



The innovative performance artist, Annie Griffin, becomes a glittering starlet in *How to Act Better* (see Theatre)

WORD-WATCHING

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ALPHAMERIC

(c) Made up of letters and numbers, a new term of jargon from computers, a compression or mongrel portmanteau from *alpha* the first letter of the Greek alphabet + *numerus* Latin for number.

BUMMERY

(b) Also bottomry, a species of contract of the nature of a mortgage, whereby the owner of a ship, or the master as his agent, borrows money to enable him to carry on or complete a voyage, and pledges the ship as repayment for the money. If the ship is lost, the lender loses his money; but if it arrives safe, he receives the principal together with the interest or premium stated. From *bottom*, OE *botm*, se. a ship: "I know you have always wanted to join the Merchant Navy, dear boy, but you must promise me never to go in for bottomry."

ZEGEDINE

(c) A drinking cup of silver, probably from the Hungarian *szegedin*: Balliol College, Oxford, manuscript list of plate, 1643: "Given to the king in the year 1742 — silver plate — 5 great two-ear'd pots, called Zegedines."

YEVER

(b) Eager, quick and prompt, but also greedy and covetous, from the Old Norse *gifr* found only in the plural meaning witches or fiends; Halliday, *Rustic Bard*, 1847: "Forbye the body's clean an' yever./ Wi' little blust, he's doonright clever."

FILMS

NEW RELEASES

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT (18): Murderous father Donald Sutherland returns to torment daughter Amy Irving. Jonathan Heap's clumsy thriller.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

HARD TARGET (18): Unpleasant human prey thriller with Jean-Claude Van Damme. From Hong Kong director John Woo.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

IP5 (15): Yves Montand teaches two urban louts the wonders of nature and love. Highly watchable, stylised twaddle from Jean-Jacques Beineix.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742)

RUBY IN PARADISE (15): Passive young woman (the striking Ashley Judd) finds her niche in Florida. Intimate, aggravating drama from Victor Nuñez.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3566)

CURRENT

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast (Nick Stahl). Queasy drama from director-star Mel Gibson.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for *Wayne's World* star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

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KRONOS QUARTET: The string quartet play Schnittke's Quartet No 2, Louis Andriessen's *Facing Death*, and a specially commissioned collaboration with African kora player Foday Musa Suso.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Wed, 8pm.

OPERA

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Martin Duncan's enjoyable Scottish Opera staging of Mozart's masterpiece has not transferred entirely comfortably to Covent Garden. Two casts share the vocal duties. This afternoon (2pm), on Tuesday evening (7pm) and on Friday (2pm) audiences can hear Sumi Jo, Amanda Roocroft, Tinuke Olafimihan, Kurt Streit (or Gösta Winbergh on Tuesday and Friday), Peter Coleman-Wright and Robert Lloyd; while tonight and on Friday night, Eva Mei, Rosa Mannion, Yvonne Barclay, Wolfgang Holzmair and Philip Kang take over. Andrew Parrott conducts (replaced at 2pm today and 7pm on Friday by David Syrus).
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911).

LOHENGRIN: Tim Albery's understated and effective staging is the first new Wagner production at the Coliseum in almost a decade. Edmund Barham sings the title role. Mark Elder conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), today, 4.30pm; Thurs, 5.30pm.

ROCK

LUTHER VANDROSS: The master of smooch is supported by Dina Carroll.
Wembley Arena (081-900 1234), Mon, Tues and Thurs, 7.30pm.

THE POGUES: The Irish folk rockers hit the road.
Newport Centre, Newport (0633 259676), Fri, 7pm.

JAZZ

STAN TRACEY: The distinctive pianist and composer celebrates his fiftieth year in the business.
London, Bull's Head (081-876 5241), today, 8pm. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Tues, 7.45pm. **Oxford**, Playhouse (0865 798600), Thurs, 7.30pm.

LOUIS MOHOLO, JOHN LAW: The South African percussionist teams up with pianist, Law.
Springfield Park House, Huddersfield (0484 607788), Tues, 8pm. **Tenor Clef**, London, N1 (071-729 2476), Wed, 7.30pm.

DANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company, which has just announced plans to downscale itself, is enjoying one of its most ambitious Sadler's Wells seasons ever. Tonight's bill brings together four London premieres including works by Richard Alston, the company's artistic director designate, and Christopher Bruce, taking over at the Rambert.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight, Tues, Wed, 7.30pm.

DAVID MASSINGHAM DANCE: This young company is staging three nights at the Bloomsbury. The four new works reveal a wide taste in music, including scores by John Tavener, the French disco star Cerrone, and the film music of John Barry.
Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London, WC1 (071-387 9629). Thurs, Fri, next Sat, 8pm.

BOOKING

DANCE BITES: The Royal Ballet is adopting a new style of touring for 1994 and the emphasis on new works performed by small groups of dancers in middle-scale venues should greatly benefit both artists and audiences
Leicester, Haymarket Theatre (0533 539797), Feb 7 and 8; **Cambridge**, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), Feb 10, 11 and 12; **Blackpool**, Grand Theatre (0253 28372), Feb 14 and 15.

EXHIBITIONS

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THE ILLUSTRATORS: Chris Beetle's Christmas time show of the British art of illustration from 1780 onwards has become an important annual event, and this year reaches its twelfth edition. A central theme is "The Illustrator and the theatre".
Chris Beetle's, 8 and 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (071-839 7551). Daily, 10am-5pm, opens today until Dec 31.

BRUCE CHATWIN'S PHOTOGRAPHS: Fans of Chatwin's writing do not necessarily realise that photography played an important part in his obsessive travelling. The pictures published in *Bruce Chatwin's Photographs and Notebooks*, now on exhibition, come as a revelation: the writer's observations through the camera are as precise and offbeat as his verbal records.
Festival Hall (Level 5), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until Jan 23.

DEMON OF PAINTING: Trained in the traditional style, Japanese painter Kawanabe Kyōsai (1831-89), soon broke away into boldly satirical work. This is the first extensive showing of his art (112 paintings, drawings, books and woodblock prints) outside Japan.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, opens Wed to Feb 13.



From Kyōsai's *Cat and Rat*, "Demon of Painting"

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NEW VIDEOS

BLUE (Artificial Eye, 15): Derek Jarman's extraordinary revere on Aids, blindness and the colour blue is unlike any film in history.

MEETINGS WITH REMARKABLE MEN (Curzon, U): How do you show in dramatic form the path someone takes on a spiritual journey? Peter Brook's biography of G I. Gurdjieff leaves the problem unsolved. Still a fascinating film, unseen for years. 1978.

THE SNAPPER (Electric, 15): Stephen Frears's enjoyable, rough-edged version of Roddy Doyle's raucous comedy about an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances from Tina Kellegher and Colm Meaney. 1993.

THE WAGES OF FEAR (Arrow, PG): Clouzot's legendary thriller about a desperate foursome driving trucks of nitro-glycerine over scary terrain (and, in one frightening scene, a colleague's legs). With Yves Montand, Charles Vanel. 1953.

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The new Ted Hughes/Pete Townshend musical reviewed; a Broadway veteran interviewed; plus music and dance

From The Who to The Why

Iron Man
Young Vic

As you enter the Young Vic, the first thing you see is a set that makes the rubbish dump in *Cats* look like an assembly line in a Japanese car factory. As designed by Shelagh Keegan, it is a chaos of old cars, chains, cogs, dustbins, antique springs, and lead piping too far gone to be worth the stealing; and there is more to come. Hidden in its recesses is a 12ft-high figure with vast lamps for eyes, scythes and spanners for hands, huge cans for feet, and rusty junk for a torso.

If a giant had auditioned for the role of the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, and taken up glue-sniffing after being rejected, he might end up looking and living like this. But in fact this is Keegan's imaginative version of the title-character in *The Iron Man*, which Ted Hughes wrote back in 1968. It is also the best thing in the rock-opera Pete Townshend has derived from that delightful children's story. Whenever the Iron Man trundles from the debris, the dramatic temperature rises a few degrees. Whenever he shunts back into metallic anonymity, it slides down towards zero.

Hughes's tale falls into three parts, the first of them the oddest, most poetic and best. Briefly, the Iron Man appears from nowhere, falls off a cliff for no reason, and reassembles himself on the beach by no method known to science. But Townshend and David Thacker, his director, have clearly decided that, lacking suitable crags or seas in the props department, they should make only the most desultory stab at staging the scene. Wisely, they move to the episode in which the Iron Man, who enjoys cannibalising farm machinery, is lured into a deep hole, then allowed out to become a recycling plant, gorging scrap only.

For Hughes, this is rather fun. For Townshend — whose attempts at humour are few and faltering — it is an ecologically significant event. Indeed, it is an opportunity for hero Hogarth (an earnest, harried and, for a boy, rather raddled Anthony Barclay) to join his chums in jumping about denouncing pollution: "*The whole world is wrecked/ By the grown-up elect . . . They lied about nuclear dumps/ They took us for chumps.*" Townshend's lyrics, when audible, match those of some Poet Laureates but not, I think, the present incumbent.

His music is of course stronger, despite an odd resistance to the percussive effects the subject invites: a melodic surge for the ocean, clatter and bustle as the tale gets going, blasts as from a foghorn when the Iron Man ponders heavy metal. But even his 1970ish sonorities cannot save the third episode, in which an extra-terrestrial dragoness terrorises Earth. The incomprehension on my companion's face, as he struggled to follow a narrative he had not previously read, was comic to behold. How could he know that this black-robed lady was supposed to be a million times larger than the Iron Man, not four times smaller — and that, by briefly zooming up to an orange light in the flies, she was actually being three-quarters fried by the sun?

So to an upbeat ending, which sounds very nice but makes precarious sense. The cast (which now includes a reformed dragon and a chap in silver gloves called The Spirit of The Iron Man) appear to be in favour of life and love, to want to be free and "decide our own destiny", and to think that tears are bad things; but it is hard to see what this has to do with the story. Forget Townshend's old group, The Who. It was The Why which preoccupied me.

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Heavenly voice still in shape

Michael Arditti talks to the singer Barbara Cook, now back in London

Barbara Cook is possessed of a voice that can reduce strong men to tears and induce taciturn men to superlatives. A review of her breakthrough London performance in 1986 declared: "For 90 minutes, I just thought I had died and gone to heaven".

On Monday, she returns to London for a two-week season in the Green Room at the Café Royal. London audiences know her only from her solo performances but, for the two decades between 1951, when she made her Broadway debut, and 1971 she was New York's favourite ingénue, something she ironically alluded to in a song written for her by Wally Harper — "for *quite some time I've heard that* I'm alleged to be an ingénue . . ." — before listing many of the humiliations to which the breed is routinely exposed.

In fact, she denies that she was ever a true ingénue, insisting that it was "only because I was blonde with a turned-up nose that people thought of me that way". She adds that her most celebrated roles, Julie and Carrie in *Carousel*, Ado Annie in *Oklahoma*, Marion the librarian in *The Music Man* and Amelia in *She Loves Me*, were either comic or dramatic, while her most demanding one, Cunegonde in Bernstein's *Candide*, "in which I washed in a river and came out an old crone", was a deliberate inversion of the type.

She may have been a Broadway baby, but performance was not in her blood. "I grew up in Atlanta, Georgia; no one in my family was particularly musical. And yet I can never remember life without music. I breathed and I sang. Then, as I grew up, I saw a lot of movies that had Broadway shows in them. But I never wanted to be in the movies: I wanted to be in the shows that were in them."

Her first taste of Broadway itself was less enticing. "I was 12 when I went to the World's Fair with a school group. We were taken to see Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson in *The Hot Mikado*. I was bored and left after the first act." The show her mother chose for her second visit, eight years later, was *Oklahoma*. This time she stayed to the end, and stayed on in New York while her mother went home.

After a miserable period working as a statistical typist and cabaret work in Boston, she won her debut role in *Flahooley* and began to make her own contribution to the golden age of the American musical.

Of all her Broadway musicals, her favourites are *Carousel* and *The King and I*. "Those shows are so well-built; the writers have made this wonderful path for you to walk down." But she is proudest of having created the role of Cunegonde. "*Candide* was really special. It came at a difficult time in the McCarthy period. It was about name-calling and book-burning. I felt pleased to be part of it in a political sense, even though I'm not a political person."

Bernstein's score was by far the most difficult she ever sang. "Lenny was so supportive. He made it seem I could do anything. The music has been changed since, but when I first did it, it was so hard: more like a sporting event."

After hitting the heights she plunged equally dramatically. Racked by emotional and professional crises, she ballooned to nearly 21st and, for five years, she did not sing a note. "It was that I call my 'middlescence'. I don't talk about it because I don't understand it. I really needed to stop work for a while, 'to get my ducks in a different row'. I wouldn't have had the courage to stop of my own accord, so I gained weight instead."



Cook: move to cabaret

When she re-emerged, at a 1975 performance at Carnegie Hall, it was as a concert and cabaret singer, one who is equally at home in vast auditoria like the Hollywood Golden Bowl, operatic houses like the Venice Fenice and intimate settings like the New York's Cafe Carlyle. She has sung with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and in Britain, but, to quote one of her own favourite lyrics, above all she loves a piano, especially when her producer and accompanist, Wally Harper, is at the keys.

Her uniquely expressive voice encompasses ballads, blues and belters, and she constantly adds to both her repertoire and range. She has just brought out a collection of Dorothy Fields classics (*Close As Pages In A Book*) and is due to record a second live concert from Carnegie Hall. At 65, her schedule is as hectic as ever, and is likely to remain so. "If Frank Sinatra can do it at 78, why can't I?"

Curious corners of our century

MUSIC

Docklands Sinf/ Edwards
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Here was a typically intriguing programme from the Docklands Sinfonietta, and I am not referring to the fact that you could choose the colour of the booklet that tells you all about what is going to be played. Bernd Alois Zimmermann is chiefly known for his uncompromising, multi-layered Sixties opera *Die Soldaten*, so it was instructive to hear him flex his muscles rather more neo-classically in his Concerto for String Orchestra, arranged in 1948 by the composer himself from his String Trio of 1944.

Already the foundations of his curiously original approach to form and argument are heard in embryonic form, though Zimmermann does not strike a personal note as early in his career as Penderecki, who happened to be 60 on the day of this concert.

Yet Penderecki's music, like that of some of his Polish colleagues, has often seemed effective only on a rather superficial level. The Intermezzo for 24 Strings of 1973 admits as much in its title, but even so there was little to thrill to in this study, which canonically builds clustered textures, has the statutory passage of cacophonous free counterpoint at its climax, and then winds down to a single note at the end. The polish and considered elegance of Lutoslawski is somehow missing.

These two relatively slight pieces served as introductions in each half for undoubted classics of our century. Last came Kurt Weill's Second Symphony of 1933, a work which proves that Weill was no mere provider of hard-edged tunes for Brecht's hard-edged lyrics, nor simply a Broadway showmaker.

The work is a real Germanic symphony, direct and appealing yet substantial, and classical rather than romantic in its roots. It is also brilliantly scored, and Sian Edwards and the Docklands orchestra, which played well enough in the short works, seemed thoroughly in their element, relishing the idiom of a work that sounds irresistible — though hardly easy — to play as well as to listen to.

And in the first half, that most personable of violinists, Tasmin Little, lavished her art upon a gorgeous account of Berg's Violin Concerto, which in its ripe expressionism might be said to be the very antithesis of Weill (and Zimmermann and Penderecki). Helped by Edwards's astute balancing and some beautifully ripe but clear colours all round, Little went straight to the tender heart of the work.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Beauty clothed in deep mystery

DANCE

LCDT
Sadler's Wells

I don't see myself looking anything but hideous in the black costuming of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's new commission, *Sand Skin*, but the dancers, being a particularly comely lot, don't do too badly. The unisex mini-gymslips or skirts reminded me of naughty St Trinians; teamed with laced ankle boots and shreaded stockings, they must be a fetishist's delight. They do not, however, help decode the choreography's unnervingly oblique intentions.

Sand Skin helps open a Sadler's Wells season that may be the last for a company required next year to operate in a different guise. The choreographer is French: Angelin Preljocaj, whose name was among those bandied about during LCDT's search for a director. Back home, he is also much sought after, as a director (for equally leaderless ensembles) and choreographer (who can show his work at the Paris Opéra Garnier). He also has his own group, on whom he created *Peau du Monde* (Skin of the World) from which the shorter *Sand Skin* has been distilled.

Preljocaj's programme note talks of species mutating to survive changing conditions. But why sand? Why skin? Why the equine theme, the dancers prancing and pawing? Spotting Preljocaj in an interval, I lunged, rather ruthlessly. The title, he said, comes from the way he sees the desert, arid and uncovered, as the skin of the world. And for the horses, he worked a lot from paintings by Géricault.

Yes, well, the piece remains mystifying. Perhaps one should just concentrate on the movement, rather than casting about for the significance of women being carried like corpses, or a male duet that resembles a ritualised courtship. And taken abstractly, the choreography is sensuous and beautiful, alternating action and stillness in dramatic, unusual geometries. Slender arms etch graphic outlines against the luminous, changing colours of the backcloth; hands caress or slap skin, the noise supplementing the percussive rhythms of Goran Vejvoda's score.

Compared to Preljocaj's inscrutability, Christopher Bruce's popular *Rooster* was a doddle; while Aletta Collins's pleasant *Shoes* seemed to be contrasting constriction (as symbolised by shoes and the ordered line of a dance class) and freedom (the bare-footed dancers running and jumping ecstatically). Both pieces use their performers less anonymously than Preljocaj's, allowing Andrew Robinson to shine as the most exciting of the newer generation. But all the dancers are impressive: Sheron Wray, Kenneth Tharp, I love them all.

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Sat 27 Nov 7.30	**CHRISTMAS ORATORIO** (Parts 1, 2, 3 & 6 in German) Bach Choir, City of London Sinfonia., Sir David Willcocks (cond) L Dawson, A Paxton, C Gillett, S Roberts, J Scott, J Watts. Score: Millennium Group. £25, £20, £16.50, £14.50, £12, £6	'Bach Choir
Sun 28 Nov 7.30	**VIENNA BOYS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Georg Stangelberger (cond) Prog inc Offenbach Monsieur et Madame Denis; Seasonal carols by Brahms, Koddály & Franck. J.Strauss II Waltzes & Polkas. £20, £17.50, £15, £12.50, £10, £7.50	AAMS
Mon 29 Nov 7.30	**ALFRED BRENDEL** Beethoven Cycle 1992-1996. Beethoven Piano Sons in F min, Op.2/1; in C, Op.2/3; in A, Op.2/2; in F min, Op.57 (Appassionata) Spons: Shandwick Consultants Ltd. £12, £9, £8 (ONLY)	Ingpen & Williams Ltd/*SBC
Tue 30 Nov 7.30	**THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** Resident at the RFH. Wolfgang Sawallisch (cond) Leonidas Kavakos (violin) Eight French Suite after Rameau; Bruch Violin Concerto No.1; Strauss Symphonia domestica. £28, £20, £17, £13, £8, £5	'Lon Phil
Wed 1 Dec 8.00	**KRONOS QUARTET** & Foday Musa Suso. Andriessen Facing Death (Lond prem), inspired by music of Charlie Parker, Schnittke's Qt No.2 prem a new work by Foday Musa Suso, the kora player featured on their Pieces of Africa album. £16, £10, £5	CMN/*SBC
Thu 2 Dec 7.30	**BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Alexander Lazarev (cond) Lorna Anderson (sop) Janina Fialkowska (pno) Szymanowski Sinfonia Concertante for pno & orch (Sym No.4); Gerwell Sym No.3 for sop & orch. £9, £4 unreserved	BBC Radio 3 FM
Fri 3 Dec 7.30	**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S CONCERT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** Suzanne Vega Solo Acoustic Carmel, The Brodsky Quartet, Bad Manners £18, £15, £12.50, £10, £7.50	Amnesty Int'l - British Section

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Sat 27 Nov 7.45	**TIME FOR BEETHOVEN CONCERTO FESTIVAL** London Soloists Chamber Orch, David Josefowitz (cond) Beethoven Ov, Prometheus; Pno Conc No.1; Romance No.2 in F; Triple Conc. Supported by The Foldart Foundation. £14, £12, £9, £7	*LSCO
Sun 28 Nov 7.45	**BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Radio 3 Polish Season. Matthias Bamert (cond), Krzysztof Smietana violin Messian L'Ascension Szymanowski Violin Concerto No.2 Gorecki Symphony No 1. £9, £4 (unreserved)	BBC Radio 3 FM
Mon 29 Nov 7.45	**MARIA JOAO PIRES, AUGUSTIN DUMAY & GARY HOFFMAN** (piano trio) Intl Chamber Music Series. Brahms Sonata No.3; Mozart Sonata in G; Schubert Sonata (Arpeggione) Brahms Trio No.2 Op.87 £15, £13, £9.50, £5	Intermusica/*SBC
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Wed 1 Dec 7.45	**LONDON MOZART PLAYERS** Paul Sacher (cond) Ivan Moravec (pno) Haydn Sym No.7 (La Midi); Mozart Piano Conc in C, K.503; Pärt Cantus in memoriam Benjamin Britten; Martinu Double Conc for String Orch, Pno & Perc. £18, £15, £11, £8	*HMS
Thu 2 Dec 7.45	**ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS** Kenneth Sillito (dir/vln) Robert Smissen (vla) Mozart Sym No.19; Stamitz Sinfonia Concertante; Douglas Bellamy Divertimento (1st UK perf); Haydn Sym No.45 (Farewell) £14, £12, £10, £8, £5	*ASM (Orch) Ltd
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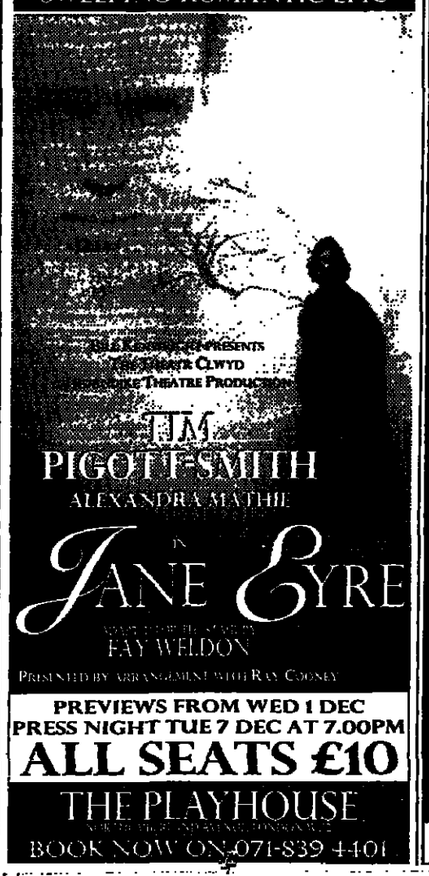
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FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HENEY

Attempts are being made to heal the rift that has developed between me and my *mangel-wurzels*, but I fear anyone wanting to build bridges between us has got a job on his hands: the *flame of love* is irretrievably snuffed. My old friend Farmer White may have a little scheme up his sleeve to effect a reconciliation, for his son appeared on the farm the other day sheepishly asking if his Dad could have a mangel. "Take them. Take them *all*!" I wept. He picked a large juicy one. I asked why his father wanted only one: one mangel alone would go hardly any way to satisfying the appetite of even a single ravenous beast. "I think he wants to try making mangel wine," was the reply. So that's his little game! He thinks he can get me roaring drunk on the stuff and hope that blind through intoxication, I will be able to face my mangels once again and declare my undying



love. Some hope, but I am grateful to him for trying.

I am also deeply indebted to you for the letters you write which not only give me pleasure, but no small amount of inspiration. It is now several weeks since I raised the subject of "furmity", as Thomas Hardy describes it, or "frumenty", as many of you say it should be spelled. Frumenty is a kind of fortified porridge, but made with wheat instead of oats and laced with dried fruits and a little alcohol. It is so delicious, nourishing and warming that, assuming I am able to bring my bloated frame to its feet after all my experiments with the various recipes you have sent, I shall make the definitive recipe my Christmas *gift to you*. However, I would warn you in advance that you are going to need at least a couple of pounds of wheat, which might be tricky to come by. As it is not going to go through any "manufacturing" other than being simply soaked, you would be well advised to get hold of organic wheat; even trickier, but with organic food at least you know where it's been.

If you think that all this recipe and cooking business should be of no concern to the farmer whose job it is to provide the raw materials, let me tell you that I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that if farmers ate more of what they grew, everyone's food quality would be the better for it. Pigs are a prime example.

I wrote a couple of weeks ago of *my grave error in pursuing, in a* modest way, extra profits by cross-breeding my pigs. The resulting litters were bigger, longer, leaner and cheaper to feed, but their taste did not compare with pork from our pure-bred black pigs: they *simply did not have enough fat*. Your letters on this have poured in



like lard from a roasting tin.

One in particular came from a retired executive who worked at the very heart of the meat industry. Ten years ago he was pressing the *notion that the eating quality of* our meat was being sacrificed to meet the financial needs of the processors. He wrote in a report how new types of farm livestock were "... likely to have less flavour, lack texture and chewability". This all fell on deaf ears.

One traditional ham producer even wrote to say that he hardly finds it possible to buy pork for curing which has sufficient fat on it for the flavour-giving cure to be fully effective. So, not only have we turned our back on the older breeds of pig that gave us juicy pork and crackling, we have also undermined one of the great eating treats of English cooking, our bacon and our ham.

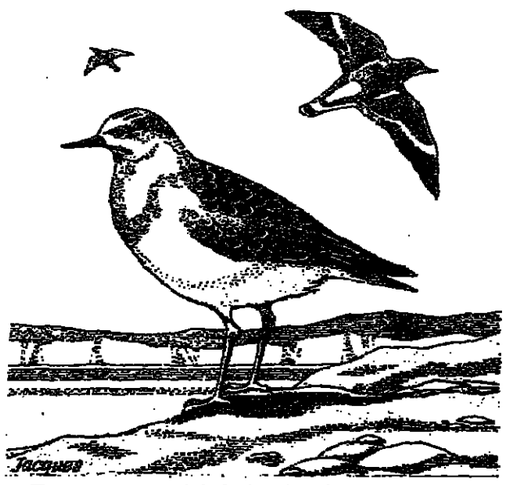
I have cured a little of my own to an old recipe used in Suffolk involving treacle, cane sugar and bitter from Adnams, our local brewer. You get black skinned bacon, which seems proper from a black pig, and you get a bacon that *hits the tongue with a burst of salty* sweetness that can set you reeling. It is *real* bacon, and it leaves enough fat in the pan to fry the egg.

But where are the men and women who used to know every trick of the curer's trade? Have they disappeared in the quest for *efficiency, profitability*? Who can still cure a York, or a Wiltshire? And, more importantly, where are the farmers who can supply their basic need, which is a pig with a bit of fat on it and plenty of *flavour*? *No doubt* I shall be hearing from you.

But do not let me distract you from *the immediate task*, which is getting hold of some organic wheat in time for the Christmas frumenty. I am *beginning to imagine* the ultimate farmhouse meal: a bowl of frumenty, a slice of home-cured *ham, and a glass of mangel wine*. It is surely the sort of meal over which a romance could blossom. *Perhaps* there is hope yet for me and my mangels.

Feather report

No stone unturned



Turnstones spend their lives looking under things

DOWN on the estuary, where the waves cream gently over *the sand, there are often many* waders stalking about or running in and out of the water. *Curlews bow forward to probe* with their long, curved beaks; dunlins patter to and fro; *ringed plovers stamp on the* sand, hoping some succulent little creature will be lured out.

But farther along, where the pebbles and rocks begin, there is not so much life to be seen. *Then you suddenly hear a* sharp clatter, and you see a turnstone tossing pebbles over to see what is beneath them.

The turnstone, like the wagtail, gets its name from what it does. It spends its life looking under things. Not only does it insert its beak under stones and throw them up with a jerk of its head: it also parts the seaweed fronds, and lifts the sprawling leaves of eelgrass. Sometimes you may see two of them trying to lift a dead fish. What they are always looking for *is shrimps, winkles and* barnacles.

They are winter visitors to Britain, some coming from Canada and Greenland, some from the high Arctic above *Scandinavia*. They are quite common on all our shores and are usually found in small parties. In their breeding plumage they have vivid tortoiseshell backs, but by midwinter much of the colour has gone from them. Even so, they are attractive birds.

They sometimes run fast in pursuit of sandhoppers and tiny crabs; in flight, they have a boldly pied look that is distinctive among the shore birds. When the waves crash violently over the rocks, they will move inland, feeding among rabbit burrows or in *the gutters of seaside houses*.

A few non-breeders stay here for the summer, but most *go back to the Arctic islands*, where they nest on the stones or under low plants. They lay *their four speckled eggs in the* shape of a cross.

Another winter visitor that *can be found with them* among the rock pools is an even more northern bird — the *purple sandpiper. Many of* these stay boldly within the Arctic Circle or in Iceland throughout the winter. They are typical sandpipers, slim and lively, with a down-curved beak. They are very dark birds, but as spring nears their plumage begins to glow with a purple sheen.

Purple sandpipers are remarkably tame, especially when compared with other waders like the nervous, screaming redshanks. They will run behind a retreating wave to pick up a winkle that is tumbling about in the water, then run quickly back again *before the next wave breaks*.

Like the turnstones, most of them have left Britain by May, and return towards October. Now is the time to go down among the sea spray and look for them.

DERWENT MAY

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MARK PEPPER/PPL

Mike Golding, 33, working aboard *Group 4 Securitas* before setting off last Sunday on his attempt to break the record set by Chay Blyth for a solo, round-the-world voyage

South with a tinned goldfish

In his first exclusive report for *The Times*, round-the-world yachtsman **Mike Golding** faces up to loneliness

Mike Golding's obsession with sailing started in 1971, the year Chay Blyth set the record for a solo, non-stop voyage around the world, *Barry Pickthall writes*. Blyth's 292-day east-west trip against the prevailing winds and currents has never been bettered.

Twenty-two years later, Mr Golding is challenging his hero's record: last Sunday, he set sail from Southampton, determined to make the same voyage in 180 days.

For the next six months his *home will be the 67ft yacht Group 4 Securitas*. The Global Challenge rules stipulate that he should receive no outside assistance, nor take on any supplies or equipment. He may anchor or beach the boat to make repairs but must not be helped in any way.

Unlike Mr Blyth, who has helped him to prepare for the voyage, Mr Golding has a satellite link. This will enable him to file exclusive dispatches to *The Times*. He will drop film in waterproof canisters at pick-up points we have arranged — the Canaries, the Falklands, the Horn (weather



Mr Golding in the galley

permitting), Stewart Island off New Zealand and the Cape of Good Hope.

In this first dispatch, he begins to come to terms with the inevitable loneliness and the scale of his challenge.

HAVING been at sea for six days, the enormity of the task has only now sunk in. After waving goodbye to family, friends and the many well-wishers who saw me off from Southampton Water last Sunday, my world suddenly shrank to a 67ft steel yacht that will be home for the next six months. The yacht and I are already talking to each other: I, willing her on into the warmer waters of the Trades as we head south for the Equator; she, telling me by her angle of heel and motion exactly how she feels.

We are old friends: *Group 4 Securitas* carried me around the world last winter in the British Steel Challenge yacht race. *But then I had 13 crew to* keep me company.

The first thing I have noticed is how cold it is below decks without the team on board warming up the boat with their body heat. Still, ambient temperatures are rising fast the further south I get from Britain's frozen shores. Once in the tropics, doubtless I will be cursing how hot it is.

Loneliness and the willpower to see this 27,000-mile challenge through are the greatest problems. When I crossed the Atlantic alone in 27 days in 1988, the days just dropped off the calendar. But on this voyage six days off 180 have made little impression.

Chay Blyth, still the only person to have completed this *course non-stop alone*, had a series of pick-me-ups to hand when he got down in the dumps. He put a few aboard my boat before I set out, and the first — a tinned goldfish — has certainly brought a smile. Just where would you buy something like that? And how do you eat it? Both questions still have me guessing, but had the desired effect — taking my mind off immediate problems.

Below decks, two lockers are filled with more presents, some labelled "Do not open before Falklands", and "To be opened at Cape Horn".

My first problem is fuel. During the first night at sea my heart jumped when the electronic autopilot suddenly stopped working. The problem was that it had run the batteries flat, and was solved by turning on the generator. But I had planned on running the engine for only eight hours a day. It transpires that I might need it for nine, and am having to monitor my limited fuel very carefully; the rules forbid me from picking up more, which may mean I have to cut back on the use of other electrical items.

Why didn't I fit a wind generator as a back-up before I left? It's time to open another present.

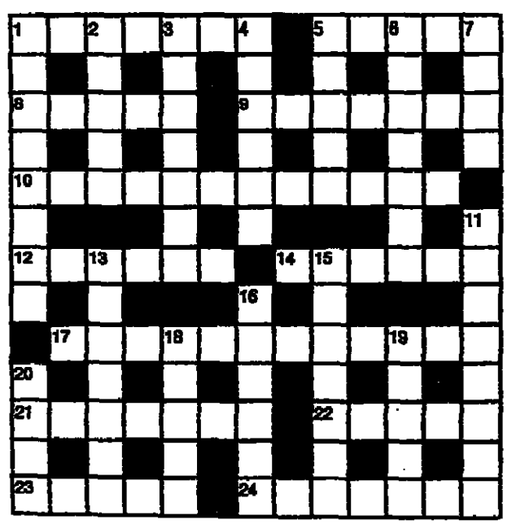
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In my case the interest rate seems to go up at this time of year...

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 24

ACROSS

1 Unappreciative person (7)
5 Of the Holy See (5)
8 Single-masted vessel (5)
9 Graced (7)
10 Confusing set of acronyms (8,4)
12 In which one is in luxury ... (6)
14 ... on which one is broke (6)
17 *Composer of Leningrad* symphony (12)
21 Joan was its Maid (7)
22 Making sense (5)
23 Burn with identifying mark (5)
24 Cart for condemned man (7)

DOWN

1 Example (8)
2 Band, association (5)
3 Conciliate excessively (7)
4 Symbolic device (6)
5 Common people (5)
6 Stance (7)
7 Queen visited by Zeus in swan form (4)
11 Lily-family plant, with yellow/white spiked flowers (8)
13 Laertes' sister, a deranged suicide (7)
15 Difficulty (7)
16 County chronicled by Trollope (6)
18 Plunge briefly in boiling water (5)
19 Bring upon oneself (5)
20 Hair-smoothing device (4)

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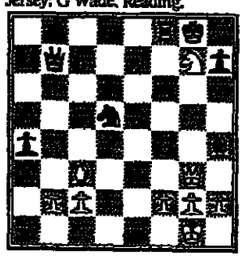
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship. Game 20. Here White has a killer blow which ends the game. Can you see it?



Send your answers on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Ng5.

Last week's winners are: J Hammett, Sleaford; A J Salsac, Jersey; G Wade, Reading.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ALPHAMERIC
a. *An American Utopia*
b. The Ur Ethiopian language
c. Made of letters and *numbers*

BUMMERY
a. Cheerful without a cause
b. Ship mortgage
c. Idleness

ZEGEDINE
a. A Hungarian female gypsy
b. A Siberian snow-wind
c. A silver drinking-cup

YEVER
a. A bargeman's mate
b. Prompt
c. The ball in skittles

Answers on page 15

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